

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

College reacts to budget

“This is the first time higher education has been virtually zeroed out.”

Dr. Julio Leon
College president

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When the governor's budget proposal was released last week, many Missouri college and university administrators found themselves without any capital improvement funds. Shockwaves were felt all the way to the departments and through the buildings affected by the deleted funding first recommended by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education last fall.

“From everything I'd heard, everyone was shocked,” said Charles Kemp, Missouri Southern's head librarian. “I really thought something was going to happen this year.”

Southern had requested \$5.85 million for a



Leon

library addition, as well as another \$705,000 for three other campus projects.

“This is the first time higher education has been virtually zeroed out,” said College President Julio Leon.

One of the three other projects to be put back on the waiting list was construction of “the black box,” a small theatre replacing the Barn Theatre, which burned down in 1990. “We're trying to be patient,” said Dr. Jay Fields, theatre department head. “We don't ever say, ‘Where's the Barn!’”

The other two projects were renovation of the Ummel Technology Building and replacement of a chiller at Taylor Hall. None of those projects is in line to be started now, but the final budget still has to be passed by both legislative houses. Leon hopes area legislators will be able to tack on capital improvement funds in the finalized budget.

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STRATEGIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

Group puts TLC under microscope

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Several topics of discussion were laid out on the table during Wednesday's meeting of the Strategic Issues Committee.

One of the main concerns addressed was the overall effectiveness of the teaching and learning committee (TLC). The committee's purpose is to promote the improvement of learning, according to Dr. Delores Honey, director of Missouri Southern's assessment program.

She said the committee helps to make a better institution.

“The faculty designed it (the program),

and the whole campus responded,” Honey said.

According to Tia Strait, TLC committee member and president of the Faculty Senate, the TLC is a good opportunity for the campus as well as the faculty.

“We have a great group of energetic faculty and lots of dedication,” she said.

She added that the committee is driven more by faculty than by the administration.

Another subject discussed was the core curriculum oversight committee, which evolved from a core study conducted in 1987. The purpose of the committee is to recommend new courses to the academic policies committee and to view how well

extra-curricular activities serve the campus.

Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences, brought up the question, “Are we pleased with what the core is doing for our graduates?”

He said that with the competition between Southern and other institutions of higher learning, “We need to be able to stand firm when we tell the parents (of students) how taking 51 hours of core requirements will benefit you over another institution.”

“The memory of the institution depends on the memory of the individual, and

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EBONICS

Critics express many concerns

Thought of ethnic language doesn't settle well with some

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

When the school board in Oakland, Calif., passed a resolution just before Christmas, it struck a national nerve, and the whole country has been twitching ever since.

The resolution attempted to boost the achievement of the district's African-American students by recognizing black English, or “Ebonics,” as a distinct language.

The controversy swirling around the Oakland decision centers around the question of whether

Ebonics is a language or a social dialect. Dr. Dale Simpson, professor of English at Missouri Southern who specializes in linguistics, believes black English is a social dialect that shares the major features of English.

“A quote I read recently said that a language is a dialect with a bigger army,” he said. “For me, to be a different language means that speakers of black English and speakers of standard English would not be able to understand each other.”

The distinction could make a big difference in funding for the school district. The original resolution, which has since been modified, called for African-American students to be taught in their primary language, Ebonics, just as Latino students receive instruction in Spanish. Funding for Ebonics instruction should come from federal

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A Language Comparison

Formal language differences exist between Standard English, African American English, and Ebonics.

Standard American English

- The *it* is regularly used at the beginning of sentences such as “*It* was a great day.”
- The past tense of the verb “to be” is “*was*.”
- I was sick when you were here.
- I was happy when you were here.
- I was sad when you were here.

African American English

- At the beginning of sentences, the *it* is not used as often as in Standard English. “*It* was a great day” is not as common as “*That* was a great day.”
- The past tense of the verb “to be” is “*be*.”
- I be sick when you were here.
- I be happy when you were here.
- I be sad when you were here.

● The *be* is not used in a sentence the more negative the sentence becomes.

● Nobody don't have no money.

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SCHOOL CLOSING



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Kim Wagers, freshman nursing major, walks back to McCormick Hall Monday after classes were cancelled at 1 p.m. due to an ice storm which hit Joplin that morning.

Classes put in deep freeze

Bitter-cold temperatures send students home early

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Bitter cold weather Monday resulted in Missouri Southern closing its doors for the second time since the beginning of the spring semester.

With temperatures dipping into the teens, winds between 15 and 30 miles per hour, and wind chills below minus 15 degrees, Bob Beeler, head of the physical plant, said he looked to several sources Monday morning including the weather radar system, local weatherman Ken Ford of KSNF-TV, and the Missouri Highway Patrol to make a decision about closing the campus.

Southern closed its doors at 1 p.m. Monday. Night classes were cancelled as well.

“Our biggest concern was commuters living in outlying areas and their safety,” Beeler said.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, agreed.

“I was very concerned because we have a lot of non-traditional students and students who are parents who could have been stuck on campus if we had gotten a major ice storm,” he said.

Although the system moved to the north of Joplin, dumping several inches of ice and snow on Lamar and Nevada and between five and eight inches in the northern part of Missouri, Joplin did see some freezing rain, sleet, and snow.

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STUDENT LIFE BEAT



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Senior S.A. Jeff Daniels catches some shut-eye in the Blaine Hall office, located on the first floor.

Despite long hours, S.A. duties still seem worthwhile

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

There seem to be many myths when it comes down to what a staff assistant really does in the residence halls.

“How hard could it possibly be?” “I mean, they really do sit around and play video games and watch movies in that office and answer the phone.” “Not much work for getting free room and board.” “It's a pretty easy job.”

These and other similar responses are typical when Southern students living on campus are asked what they think of their S.A.s. And yet, those few who have been student assistants or have been close friends with them know that there are many unseen responsibilities to their

job. Responsibilities like confronting students — friends — who break rules, whether it's as innocuous as having boyfriends/girlfriends in their rooms after hours, or as serious as drug use. Like making sure disagreements between roommates don't become all-out fights. Like unlocking an endless succession of doors, whether because students have lost their keys or broken them, or just been locked out of the building. Like being there for students who are in trouble or depressed, or just need someone to talk to. Like keeping the peace in general and making sure residence hall life is fun, safe, and trouble-free for the students who live there — and taking the consequences when it's not.

S.A.s don't just sit around in the office while they're on duty, either, unless they are on office

duty specifically. There are several different “beats” for S.A.s on duty. These include office duty in either Blaine or McCormick Halls, hall duty in both dorms, and apartment duty.

“The S.A. on apartment duty just has to stay in his or her apartment during the shift,” said Christy Yun, sophomore S.A. “If any student in an apartment needs an S.A., the student can call the Blaine Hall or McCormick Hall office, where they will be referred to whoever is currently on apartment duty.”

The S.A.s for each residence hall meet weekly with their respective directors to discuss any problems and just make sure everything is going smoothly. Ron Mitchell, men's residence hall

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1 1/24/97 SPIVA LIBRARY 9:25 a.m. Security officer Terry Hyton was contacted by Bob Black, librarian, after he noticed that a student was sitting on the first floor of Spiva library looking quite ill. Security transported the ill student to Kuhn Hall, where campus nurse Julia Foster administered first aid.

STORM: Freezing rain shuts down Southern Monday

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"It (the bad weather) started with a freezing drizzle around 9:45 in the morning," Ford said.

"Around 1 p.m. it started sleeting and turned to snow about 5 p.m."

Bitterbaum said he got the word

out, messages were sent in every phone on campus announcing the closing, and Rod Surber, news bureau manager, called radio and television stations in the area.

"We did have some students call to make sure classes were really canceled," Bitterbaum said.

"They had heard on the radio or

TV that we had closed, and they wanted to make sure it was not a joke.

"We have a secure system with the television and radio stations that we have to give a code so they know it is a legitimate call."

All day and evening classes resumed on Tuesday. □

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BLOCK CLASSES

Group working out kinks

College plans to implement 'a more organized approach'

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

After a successful introduction of block classes to Missouri Southern freshmen, a more organized approach will be implemented next year. "It's a very new program, and we're trying to improve the system with each subsequent program," said Dr. Elaine Freeman, co-director of the center for learning and teaching. "And one thing we have initiated, based on what we learned last year, is to do the block courses a year at a time in advance."

In the first year of block courses, students knew in advance which courses they would take their second semester. Last semester, Freeman said the students were allowed to choose the block they would enroll in, not knowing what would be offered in the spring.

"So by not knowing what the block courses were the second semester, that made it harder for them to plan to take the block courses," Freeman said, "because they had taken one or the other already the first semester."

She said many blocks failed to work because students had already taken one of the other core classes in the first semester.

"That is the main issue that we have run into," Freeman said. "Next year we're planning to block classes a year at a time, so students [will] know what's offered second semester."

Building blocks

■ In the first year of block courses, students were aware in advance of the classes they would take their second semester.

■ Last semester, students were allowed to choose the block they would enroll in, not knowing what was offered in the spring.

Freeman said the snow day on late registration hampered plans to bring second-semester freshmen into the program.

"I think the enrollment in the classes is OK," she said. "It's just that we have both block and non-block students in those sections."

Freeman said there are some blocks that are constructed of blocks from the fall semester.

"The evaluations that students submitted were very positive in terms of thinking the experience was beneficial," she said.

"I'm still real pleased with the results of the block," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, "because we appear to be having a substantial impact on our students' lives."

"We're in the process of putting together a schedule for next semester, and it's just in the building blocks right now," Freeman said, "but hopefully we have learned, and it will be easier for students who wish to remain in the block to do so." □

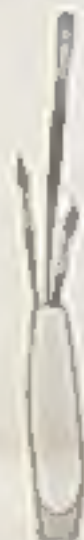
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"I don't know what the biggest challenge is going to be."

Terry takes career turn

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bob Terry's life has definitely taken a new direction. Terry, who served 22 years as an instructor in Missouri Southern's criminal justice department, was promoted from interim criminal justice department head to permanent department head earlier this month, according to Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology.

Terry assumed the position of interim department head in August after Dr. Blake Wolf, now an associate professor within the department, stepped down from the position he held for two years.

Spurlin said Wolf's decision not to return to his post this spring was not due to his heart bypass surgery in August, but because he was not inclined to reassume his duties as department chair.

Spurlin said because Terry is a true veteran of Southern and the criminal justice department. The faculty thought he was the obvious choice.

"When they chose Mr. Terry, I had no problems with that," Spurlin said. "I was pleased to recommend him to the president. Dr. Wolf never really wanted to do the job. He doesn't really like administrative work, but I talked him into it and he did it. It was not his illness as much as he just wanted a break."

Just as was the case for Wolf, Terry's new position means more responsibilities — and more hours.

"It has lots of challenges," said Terry, who is also director of the Police Officers Standards organization. "I don't know what the biggest challenge is going to be. We need to continue growth within the department. I think we also have a challenge and a goal to serve the students. Every day seems to be full of challenges."

Even with all of the challenges facing Terry in the upcoming months, he said he was not going to stray away from the classroom — where he has spent more than two decades at Southern.

He is currently teaching classes in basic



Bob Terry recently received a promotion and became the criminal justice department head when Dr. Blake Wolf stepped down after two years at the position.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart

photography, law enforcement photography, and physical security.

"I was acting director last semester, and I thought I would be just going back in teaching," he said.

"So, between the teaching load and all of the other administrative duties, it has become very time consuming."

With the upcoming additions to the Mills Anderson Justice Center, which are sched-

uled to be completed in October, Terry said there seems to be a positive buzz throughout his department.

The \$4.6 million project will feature classrooms, offices, a recreation room, an auditorium, and additional parking.

"What we are really going to appreciate is the extra space," Terry said. "We have been very crowded over here. We are looking forward into getting into the new facilities."

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT

Floor, scoreboards in Young Gym meet NCAA specs

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an effort to meet with requirements set by the NCAA, the Missouri Southern athletic departments have made adjustments to Young Gymnasium.

The 3-point marker and two scoreboards were not in compliance with NCAA regulations.

The 3-point marker was long at the top of the key. NCAA regulations also state the shot clock should be shut off with under 10 seconds left in the game. Southern's previous scoreboards could not do this, nor could

they show tenths of seconds.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said the athletic department has known for "a while" that Young Gymnasium was not in compliance with NCAA regulations.

Frazier said before games Southern made a point of informing officials and visiting teams about the irregularities of Young Gymnasium. He said other than a few embarrassing moments, this plan worked well. Last basketball season, however, Southern was informed this practice was not good enough.

"During a game the officials called me down to the scorer's

table," Frazier said. "They remind me that we were not in compliance with the rules set by the NCAA. Basically we were told if we wanted to be a mainstream NCAA Division II athletic program we needed to start acting like one."

Through fund-raisers and donations from the Joplin Sports Network, Southwestern Bell Pioneers, and the Lionbacker Charity Golf Tournament, the athletic department was able to purchase new scoreboards at a cost of approximately \$7,500.

The Pioneers are a group of retired Southwestern Bell employees. Frazier said for every 48 hours

a Pioneer donated, Southwestern Bell contributed \$250 to the project. Frazier said Southwestern Bell donated about \$2,500.

Southern's physical plant took on the duties of resurfacing the gymnasium floor. Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, said the money for this portion of the project came from College physical plant funds.

Jarrett Enterprises was contracted by Southern for other areas of the project.

Beeler said the floor was sanded and the lines were redone before the floor was refinished.

"They (Jarrett Enterprises) came

up from Springfield and took a good two weeks to finish the job," Beeler said. "We have started using a new finish on the floor. It would have taken longer to do with the old finish."

Frazier said the improvements help Southern take another step in giving its athletes a quality environment to play in.

"It makes us look like we know what we are doing," he said. "Missouri Southern and Lincoln (University) are the two schools in the conference lacking (adequate) indoor facilities. It's a nice place for students to play. We just need to continue to upgrade."

PHON-A-THON

Yearly drive sets goal

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

Faculty and staff members along with area legislators, Board of Regents members, and former and current students will join together to strive to reach this year's \$200,000 goal for the 15th annual Phon-A-Thon.

The fund drive kicks off Sunday and ends Feb. 13.

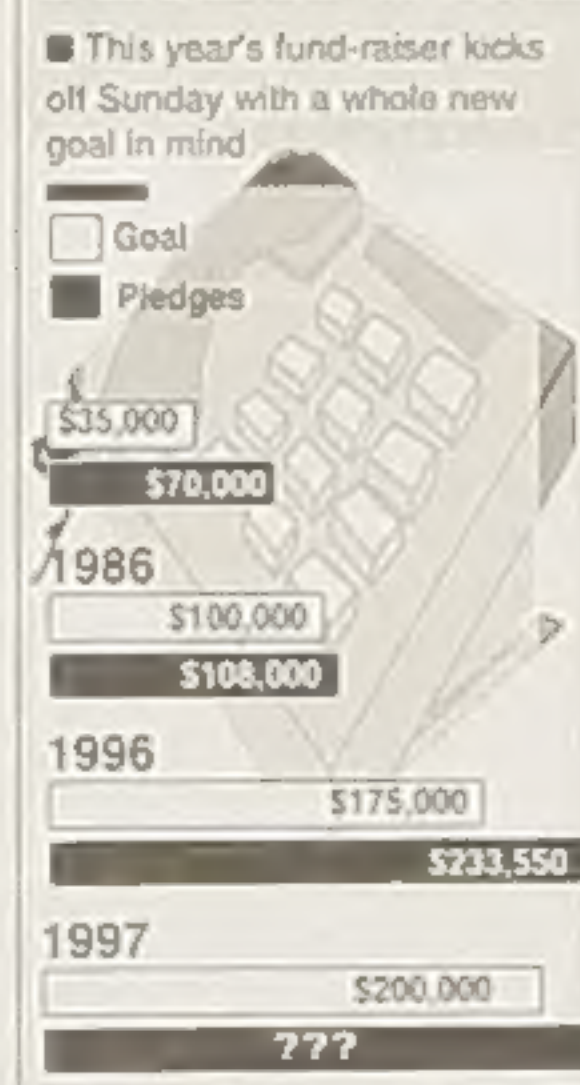
The Missouri Southern Foundation, the event's sponsor, received \$233,550 in pledges and collected \$198,000 last year, \$22,000 over its goal. Sue Billingsly, the Foundation's director, said she hopes to collect beyond the goal this year as well.

"I always expect for us to reach our goals," Billingsly said. "For the past few years we've even exceeded our expectations."

The money raised through the Phon-A-Thon will not be distributed until July, Billingsly said. She also said the event could use a few more volunteers.

"Several on-campus organizations will be helping out, but any

Phon-A-Thon



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

willing student is welcome," she said.

Some of the organizations currently signed up to staff phones include Alpha Sigma Alpha, Kappa Delta Pi, the women's softball team, the art department, honors students, the Coalition Against Child Abuse, the Student Senate, the band, Koionia, and the men's baseball team.

STUDENT SENATE

Group welcomes 4 new participants

By MICHELLE CONTY
ASSISTANT ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Southern Concepts Advertising Club and the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) received \$1,000 in funding for upcoming field trips from Missouri Southern's Student Senate Wednesday night.

Josh Phillips, Senate treasurer, recommended \$800 be given to Southern Concepts. After much deliberation, the group was allotted \$1,000 of the \$2,170 it requested by a 13-11 vote.

The club plans to travel to Wichita, Kan., March 7-8 for a portfolio session. Students will have their portfolios reviewed by professionals and attend advertising workshops.

"It's a good opportunity for the students to get feedback on their work," said Kim Bell, president of Southern Concepts.

Jennifer Stokes, president of NBS, petitioned for the club to receive the \$1,000 it requested to attend the group's national convention in Chicago April 8-13.

"Convention offers students the opportunity to network," Stokes said. "This is very important to our students who are nearing graduation. Like many jobs and careers in the communication field, it's often who you know that lands you your first job."

NBS was given the full \$1,000 it asked for. Fifty to 55 leaders will be needed. They will receive two upper-division credit hours. Deadline for the applications is Feb. 28.

Four Senate seats, two freshmen and two seniors, were also filled Wednesday night. Mark Stamps, senior computational mathematics major, returned to the Senate after leaving to do an internship in Chicago.

"This is my last semester, and I wanted to make as many changes for the positive as I can," Stamps said.

Holli Spencer, senior secondary English education major, is also a returning senator.

"I was the treasurer for two years," she said. "I missed it, so I'm back."

Nick Farnham, political science major, and Vanessa Copeland, chemistry major, were elected as freshmen senators.

Two freshmen seats are still open.

Although the Spiva Library addition proposal was turned down by Gov. Mel Carnahan last week, plans to form a committee to gather student opinions will continue.

Student Senate FINANCES	
CURRENT BALANCE:	\$2,950.00
JAN. 29 REQUESTS:	
■ NBS —	Request: \$1,000 Received: \$1,000
■ Southern Concepts —	Request: \$2,971 Received: \$1,000
Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.	

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Southern celebrates 25 years of Title IX

In recognition of "National Girls and Women in Sports Day," female athletes, coaches, trainers, and cheerleaders will be honored at the Missouri Southern Lady Lions basketball game against Northwest Missouri State.

The game begins at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Young Gymnasium.

"National Girls and Women in Sports Day is a special day for girls and women to celebrate their participation in sports," said Heide Fenske, a sophomore secondary education major.

Fenske is also the student organizer of the event.

"This year is especially significant because it marks the 25th anniversary of the passage of Title IX," she said.

The celebration is sponsored by Southern and the Women's Sports Foundation, with corporate sponsorship from J.C. Penney.

All area girls' and women's athletic teams are invited to attend the game free of charge and are encouraged to wear their school colors or uniforms to the game.

On-campus interviews could land students jobs

The office of career services has announced another battery of on-campus interviews, with the next one slated for Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Wal-Mart Information Systems will be on campus to find a potential employee. Anyone interested should sign up in the career services office in Billingsly Student Center Room 207.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car will be visiting campus twice. The first visit is Tuesday, Feb. 18, and the second is March 6. The company is looking for someone to fill computer programming positions. Starting salary for the positions is \$32,000. The job is based in St. Louis.

Hormel Foods Corporation will be on campus Tuesday, March 4. The company is looking to fill four positions. These positions are for a variety of majors. Relocation is required for some positions.

Counseling department searches for leaders

Much like the United States Armed Forces, Missouri Southern's counseling department is looking for a few good men and women to be College Orientation Student Leaders.

The selection process has begun for these student-leader positions for the 1997 fall semester.

Orientation leaders will be responsible for the instruction of 15 to 20 freshmen in an eight-week College Orientation class.

Participation in spring and fall training sessions covering the course objectives is required to complete the program.

Applicants should be enrolled at Southern and have completed 50 hours with at least a 2.5 cumulative grade-point average.

Selection is also based upon leadership potential, academic standing, and commitment to the College.

First-time leaders are eligible for two credit hours in Psychology 498 Leadership Training.

Experience is also touted as one of the benefits for student leaders.

Student leaders will have a chance to practice their public speaking, organizational, and group facilitation skills if involved. The counseling office believes these are the characteristics many employees look for.

Applications can be obtained in the Counseling Services Office in Heames Hall Room 114.

Applications are due by Feb. 28.

Personal interviews will be scheduled for the weeks March 3 and 10.

Announcement of the chosen leaders will be March 14.

For more information contact Susan Craig at 625-9542.

ASSESSMENT

Curriculum changes occur as result of 1993-95 study

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In ACT's 1995 national survey, only 6 percent of the country's higher education institutions to have assessment results initiated a curriculum change. Missouri Southern was in this select category.

According to Dr. Delores Honey, Southern's director of assessment, the College's 1993-95 study of its core curriculum brought about ideas on how to change methods of teaching, based on the assessment results.

"We were satisfied with the core curriculum," she said. "How we teach was the big issue." She said faculty members could take the

assessment results and implement the changes necessary within the core curriculum, as well as the major courses.

Joe Steele, director of the College Outcomes Measures Program (COMP) with ACT, said Southern is to be highlighted in the next "ACTing on Outcomes Assessment," ACT's national newsletter.

"The reason Missouri Southern is being highlighted is that the faculty have really given a great deal of thought and attention to the program," he said. "They've been making use of the results in productive and effective ways, and they need to be recognized for their effort."

Critical thinking, Honey said, is a vital skill for life.

"Critical thinking should be defined better, modeled by the faculty, and students should be taught how to do it themselves," she said. "We need to label what we think critical thinking is and be able to identify it."

She said three of the areas found in need of improvement, as the survey indicated, were verbal, written, and graphic communications. The results in this case, she said, brought about discussions to make necessary changes to improve the College's programs.

"We know we are good at what we do," she said. "And if we strive to raise the level of expertise, we would be even better."

Honey said although teaching assumes learning, "it is how effectively we support the stu-

dents' learning. To me, that's the bottom line."

In order to extend the understanding of how students can think critically, Southern is piloting the Assessment of Reasoning and Communicating (ARC) at Senior Assessment Day Feb. 19.

Honey said a small group of seniors will take the ARC, while other seniors will be participating in a pilot of the Academic Profiles.

"Our goal is to extend our understanding of how graduating seniors perform on these specific tests and how they compare to others taking the same test," she said.

Most seniors will be taking the ACT COMP assessment.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

A weird stop right off the turnip truck

N experience in my life has been more intimidating or nerve wracking than my first few weeks of college, and no one experience from that time stands out in my mind like the first meeting we had for *The Chart*.

Coming from a town where I had virtually nothing to prove into a room full of people who would decide how successful this newspaper

venture of mine would be was enough to make this girl shake in her shoes.

I quickly found that my future would be based not only on what these elusive editors thought of me, but on my willingness to do the job they



Ginny Dumond
Campus Editor

asked me to do.

"You're only a freshman?" Ryan Bronson asked loudly one evening when I was up late writing a play review. (I've since realized that if Ryan speaks softly you know something's wrong.)

So, OK, I'm a first-time, right-off-the-turnip-truck, wouldn't-know-Spiva-from-Billingsly freshman. And how I ended up writing this column is somewhat of a mystery to me.

The only word that comes to mind when I try to remember how this paper became such an important part of my life in only four months is "commitment."

I'm not necessarily talking about my commitment to the paper, but about the commitment the people around me expressed, both to me and their work.

It was making sure Debbie went to computer class with me, and learning every week how to improve my writing from Rick, who corrects with a smile and a "good job."

It was learning how to take a joke from Jake, and watching Stephanie Goad manage a house, a husband, and two little boys while serving as an associate editor.

It was learning what makes Ronna cry, Nick laugh, and Genie open up.

It was Tammy saying, "Don't worry," and Dr. Stebbins saying "Good morning" every morning, even when it was a crappy morning, like he was genuinely glad I was here.

It was Elizabeth saying, "Come on over" and the multitudes "We missed you's" I heard when the spring semester began.

It was going home at an early morning hour after finishing last semester's final issue and thinking, "What am I gonna do with myself now?"

I may never be Lois Lane (hey, let's face it, odds are against me on that one), but I am excited about beginning a new semester full of new faces, some of whom will, with any luck, influence my life as much as those I worked with my first semester.

All over campus, all week long, students and faculty open *The Chart* to catch up on the week's happenings. Some are angry, some pleased, some are laughing, and some sneering. But no matter what anyone thinks of this paper and its staff, few could deny the hard work and headaches that are poured into every issue.

The greatest lesson I've learned this semester is that God really does help those who help themselves.

It took a little more courage than I thought I had in me to walk into that office for the first time, and I'm gaining more every day. ☐



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Mel, show us the money

No matter what Gov. Mel Carnahan said about education during his inaugural address, his budget proposal seems to have been drawn up by some renegade budget director left over from a Ronald Reagan administration. The spending emphasis of Carnahan's budget proposal has taken away from the hard-working college students of Missouri and given loads of cash to people whose main contribution to society has been pain and misery.

Prisoners, in the minds of Carnahan and his budget wizards, deserve the thrust of Missouri's cash surplus this year. Sure, there is a need in the Department of Corrections, but an equal need exists in education.

Granted, colleges and universities did get a huge sum last year. But like a Hollywood spouse who's grown accustomed to a certain way of life, higher learning institutions need those funds for a much-needed facelift.

Carnahan's rebuke of college capital improvement needs can be likened to a corporate CEO deciding on Christmas

Eve not to give out Christmas bonuses this year. Carnahan has become "The Grinch Who Stole the Library."

What seems most odd is that Carnahan is promising a huge tax cut, while colleges decay and become antiquated by time. This is certainly not the legacy Carnahan wants to leave behind when he packs up in four years. It's not like the colleges and universities were asking for funds just to be asking. These places genuinely need the money to make the improvements. Maybe a trip outside of the rotunda to visit these campuses before saying "no" would have been a good idea. Obviously more pressing issues consumed the governor's time, like touring Missouri's prisons.

Honestly, how much can it cost to build a few thousand cages? Luckily, the budget still has to be passed through both houses. However, with all the area representatives and senators in the minority party, it may take an act of Zeus to get a capital improvement item added to the final budget.

If area legislators want to right the wrong of Carnahan, now is a great time to start cashing in any favors owed.

Show us the money! ☐

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Graduate finds success despite life's hardships

A very recent graduate came to my office door. She had a college diploma in each hand, and she could not have been more proud. But there are some things you need to know, and she'd be embarrassed for me to share her name, considering what follows. This graduate of Missouri Southern State College earned her two degrees the hard way.

When she was a child, her home fell apart. From age 12, through age 18, she lived in a variety of foster homes. She attended a different school every year. To her recollection, not one of her pre-college teachers or foster parents ever encouraged her to attend college. She was treated as if she were someone "different" while she was living in foster homes. Since she came from a broken home and had a history of foster home placements, it seemed that her teachers assumed she was poor. Also, it seemed to her that her teachers assumed that her potential was limited.

During the office visit, this graduate with two degrees told me of some of the obstacles she had overcome. None of the youth who lived in the facility for troubled individuals with her when she decided to "change her situation," as she put it, have achieved the level of success this proud graduate of MSSC has attained. She indicated that many of the 20 had gone from bad to worse.

This individual graduated from high school in 1980, struggled with life for 11 years, and then enrolled as a student at MSSC. She found herself here. Her keen interest in history and geography led to the two baccalaureate degrees, a certificate to teach, and a job. The encouragement and success she experienced at MSSC culmi-

nated in a tremendous feeling of accomplishment.

After all those years of being a withdrawn school child, after all those years of being tossed to and fro by life's circumstances, after those years of indecision and being a loner, here she stood in my office with a great smile and great confidence. She said she understood children who are having rough times. She stated she'd experienced some of the toughest, most disappointing, most discouraging events a child could ever know.

She indicated that there seems to be an immediate understanding when her eyes and the eyes of a troubled youth meet. Rapport is quickly established. She said she hopes to capitalize on this ability to understand what many cannot understand, and upon the rapport she is able to establish, and to instill her love for learning in others. "Especially teenagers," she says. "I want to aid in their success. If I can influence even one child in a positive way, everything I have been through will be worth it."

Thousands of students, including hundreds of teacher education candidates, cross paths on our campus daily. Through the autobiographies of teacher education program applicants, I have become more familiar with the hopes and dreams and struggles of many of the fine students who attend this college. Many are overcoming, or are experiencing incredible hurdles as they seek to realize their dreams. Consider the courage and determination it takes for an individual (especially one who has been away from school for years) to approach the college registration desk, enter the classrooms, juggle a variety of responsi-

ties on and off campus, complete the assignments, and persevere to a degree!

I hope not one of us ever fails to see the "trees for the forest," as a campus colleague stated recently. The smiling student who stood in my office with a diploma in each hand helped me see much more clearly the reality of the unique, specific, and individual student's situations which surround us on this campus. Her story reminded me that each student who strides across this campus represents so much hope, so many dreams!

As she was leaving, the graduate and I looked at each other; then we shook hands; then we did the politically incorrect thing and shared a brief congratulatory hug.

After she left the office, I pulled her file and noted that I had tentatively "processed" her into the teacher education program Aug. 23, 1994. All the transitions from school to school to school during her youth had hurt. The low expectations she experienced during her childhood did some damage. There were some detours and delays following full admission, but she hid the hurt, implemented a damage control plan, fulfilled her commitment to help others, and finally received those diplomas.

I'll always remember the two sentences which concluded her autobiography. "An education is the only way to improve one's life; I know that first hand. I feel so lucky to have this opportunity, and I will do the best job I can, over and over again."

Dr. Cameron Pulliam

Director of clinical and field experiences
Department of teacher education

IN PERSPECTIVE

'I didn't choose Southern... it chose me'

About 11 months ago, I was sitting in Edinburgh, Scotland, carrying out my favorite pastime, sitting in a pub, eating my lunch with a few friends from my course. I remember that it was a miserable day, cold, wet, and dull.

"I need to get out of here," somebody muttered into their steak and Guinness pie. Then the conversation erupted and everyone said where they would rather be, Fiji, New Zealand, USA, Australia, etc., instead of soaking up the rain in Edinburgh.

As if by magic, in walk two American girls who start talking to us and telling us all about the exchange program that they were both on called ISEP (International Student Exchange

Program). One hour later, we all piled into the international office at the University and began the application process that very afternoon.

ISEP allows students to carry out either a semester or a full academic year in a different country; there are hundreds of possibilities in every area of the world. The good thing is that the only extra cost to yourself is the flight and insurance. The rest, i.e. fees, accommodations, and food, is just the same as you would normally pay.

Somewhere in your space here while you experience a completely different culture's method of education, language, and not to forget, the hundreds of new friends, all just dying to show you a great time.

People always ask me, "Why did you choose Missouri Southern?" The truth is, I didn't choose you; you chose me! I made my application fairly late, my first three choices had already been taken, and MSSC was the next best available institution that offered the courses I needed.

"You are going to Joplin, Missouri."

"Where? I thought I was going to Manhattan!"

Looking back, I was terrified at the thought of going to a place so far away from a big city. I have grown up sharing cities with millions of other people.

The whole purpose of going away was to experience a new culture, broaden my horizons, and make the most of any opportunity I am given. I thought that I was about to experience real America. One guidebook said that this area prides itself on its Hillbilly reputation.... "Great, what am I letting myself for?"

Once I arrived in August, my fears were quickly erased. I teamed up with the other ISEP student, Pascal Carrano, and we decided that we would conquer this place together.

My experiences thus far have been pretty different in what I had previously anticipated. Since I arrived, I have been overwhelmed by the hospitality and friendship, not only from my roommates, but from all the people I have met on campus and within the community. The Rotary Club of Joplin hosted a welcoming dinner for all of the international students. Through them I have made many helpful contacts, especially the Pitt State rugby team. I thought that by coming here, I would be hanging up my boots for a season. Instead, I have played most weekends and traveled all over the country.

So many aspects of daily life are different here compared to Britain, from the way food is eaten, to the phrases we speak. I never imagined the different meanings that there are for the same words. For instance, to me,

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Robert McFarland
ISEP foreign exchange student

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EBONICS: Could institute barriers

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and state English as a Second Language (ESL) bilingual education programs, according to the resolution.

"I think I see a stretch in logic here," said Simpson. "It's not to say that there's no value in the study of black English, but I think the primary issue here is an attempt to get federal funding. I celebrate dialect differences. I think we need to learn to tolerate linguistic differences in this country, but the need for competency in standard English is not going to change. If the point is economic independence and citizenship, you learn the rules of the game, and you play by the rules."

In addition to the language/dialect controversy, experts question the degree to which language contributes to the underachievement of Oakland's African-American students. Dr. Henry Morgan, professor of English, questions the logic behind the assumption that a language barrier is hindering black students.

"No similar cause and effect relationship exists in any other ethnic group — for instance, Asian immigrants who have the same problem," he said. "Why should it be unique to this group?"

From his own experience in 30-

plus years of teaching, Morgan does not see black English as a significant obstacle to learning.

"Between 1970 and 1980, this college had a large number of black students from the ghettos of St. Louis, Kansas City, and other places, and produced a group of people who were immensely successful," he said.

To some people, recognizing Ebonics as a distinct language elevates the cultural status of African-Americans. Others see the opposite effect.

"Assuming that African-Americans cannot learn standard English without some special help is demeaning and degrading," Morgan said.

However, he sees some value in understanding black English.

"As a teacher, any device that helps you teach a student is worthy, and if understanding the patois of a student helps you communicate with him, that's all right, just as it would be to communicate with a student whose interest is motorcycles," he said. "I've had students tell me, 'I can't remember the coordinating conjunctions.' I say, 'Can you remember the cubic inches of displacement of a Triumph or a BSA? You always try to speak to students in terms that they understand and appreciate, but no teacher will succeed if he or she does not demand that students rise to their level.'"

A 'PACK'ED HOUSE



More than 75 people attended the RHA Super Bowl Bonanza Sunday in the College Student Life Center.

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GROUP: Studies qualities of writing intensive program

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they change," he said. "We were proud to have 51 hours and others didn't. We want to stay ahead, so we require economics and two history classes — there were reasons for all of them; we just don't remember them."

Honey said that where the core is concerned, there may be room to help students understand why Southern has an extensive one.

"The real success comes later," she said. "It is hard for current students to understand. We need to build a document on what that particular course does, and a module of what we want our graduates to look like."

The SIC also discussed the effectiveness of the College's writing intensive program and whether it has helped to improve students' writing skills. Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs,

alluded to the fact that although the writing intensive program is an expensive one, it is also one of strength. "We've never asked [students] what they thought [about the program], and we were startled by the positive reaction," he said. "Several wanted us to do more of it."

Other topics brought up during the discussion were the retention of students, international studies, and assessment.

LIFE BEAT: Assistants help in transition

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director, likes to end most meetings with a "story from way back": an anecdote from his years as an SA.

Whether they are about those infamous roommates who have an aversion to bathing or about confronting guys six inches taller and a hundred pounds heavier about escorting their girlfriends, Mitchell's stories invariably leave everyone laughing.

"He's a great guy," said Ryan Jones, sophomore SA.

"He makes our job a lot of fun, even when it's difficult."

"I guess the hardest thing and the best thing about the job is dealing with all the students," Jones added.

"It's hard when you have to write up your friends, but it's great getting to know everyone and being able to help people out."

Missouri Southern residence hall staff assistants are part of the College's student services office. SAs receive free room and board in the residence halls for their work.

PERSPECTIVE: England native eavesdrops upon ISEP exchange program

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French fries are called chips, and what you know as chips, I call crisps. There are many others, some of which are more dangerous than others, such as the word I use to refer to a cigarette.

Student life is also completely different, both in and out of the classroom. On the social side of things, in Scotland much of a student's life is spent in either the pubs or the clubs, going out for a couple of "social drinks" most nights. Most events take place in the pubs and clubs.

I think in general, Europeans have a much more liberal attitude toward alcohol. The drinking age is lower, 18 in Britain, and people use the pubs more as a meeting place to unwind and relax, rather than as a venue for a huge binge, as they do over here. Alcohol appears to have a stigma attached to it and is abused, rather than taken in moderation. Trying to imagine a university in Britain with an alcohol-free campus is pretty hard.

Inside the classroom there are also large differences. My idea of a semester is 15 weeks, taking seven or eight classes, all around four hours each week. The lectures are long, and there is no class participation; that is reserved for the tutorials. We do not have quizzes or pop tests, or even small exams throughout the semester. Week 15 plays host to one, two- to four-hour comprehensive exam, worth 50 percent of the class mark. The other 50 percent is attached to a paper or assignment due in weeks seven or eight, consisting of around 5,000 words. With one of these papers due for every module, things get a little hectic around this time.

It has been hard for me to adjust to multiple choice or one-word-answer tests. I had only taken one before I came here. Exams at home have always consisted of three to four essays, written over two to four hours. Our pass marks are also very different. Seventy percent or above is First Class (A), with 40 percent being the lowest pass, a Third Class (D). Between

are two levels of Second Class. I cannot wait to show my transcript at home, loaded with marks of over 70 percent. My advice to anyone thinking of going away to study is to go for it. Seize the opportunity, and never look back. I know that when I return home, I will really appreciate all of the experiences that I have had here and realize just how valuable and educational they have been.

Studying abroad is the best opportunity you will ever get to educate yourself about and explore another country and its culture. It will broaden your horizons to no end, particularly if you are having to speak a different language.

Here are a couple of tips for you to consider before you go and while you are there. First, whenever you go, you will love it once you get there as long as you make the most of it. Remember, I wanted Manhattan and New York and got Joplin. Now, I wouldn't have it any other way. Secondly, be sure to keep an open mind, take everything as it comes, and try not to anticipate things before they hap-

pen. You may end up being disappointed or even scaring yourself silly!

Finally, be prepared to experience some low points. Once the novelty of the first couple of months wears off, you can easily become depressed and miss your friends and family. The best way to overcome this is to go out, meet some new faces, change your routine a little, and maybe even get away for awhile.

Pascal and I took a road trip all over Texas. Things soon picked up, and now we will hopefully stay high up on the curve until the time we leave in June.

If you need anymore information about studying abroad, contact Nadine Schmidt in Hearnes Hall. All that is left for me to do now is to thank Nadine and all of the staff at MSSC for all the help they have given to me when problems arose, and of course, say a big thank you to my family for paying for my tickets and things. And finally, to all the great friends that I have made here, I hope we all have a fantastic semester.

BUDGET: Southern left in the cold

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"We have benefited from a governor who has been good to us," Leon said. "All institutions may be able to get something through a combined, concerted effort from legislators."

Southern was not the only college to have capital improvement funding nixed. Only Truman State University and Harris-Stowe State College received capital improvement recommendations. Leon said those funds were for projects already under way. They cost more than \$11.5 million in fund.

The money that would have gone to higher education facilities instead was given to the Department of Corrections to build new prisons and renovate old ones.

"I have no idea what's in the minds of political people," Kemp said. "I imagine there was a lot of pressure on the governor to build these prisons." Kemp said he was excited to learn the CBHE had approved a plan to fund an addi-

tion to Spiva Library.

"The library was one of the first buildings to be built on campus," he said. "Things have changed so much in libraries that this building wasn't meant to handle all those things. We'll probably just wait until next year. It's just a question of whether you want to put money in here and maybe waste it if it gets funded next year." With money already collecting interest in the bank to help finance the building of "the black box," Fields is hoping to receive the final funds soon.

"Every time we have a show we tie up [Taylor Auditorium] for two weeks," Fields said. "We usually have six or seven shows a year. That's 14 weeks the theatre is unavailable."

Insurance money from the fire that destroyed the Barn Theatre comes to nearly \$90,000, and some \$300,000 in donations have been made to replace it as well. The College was asking for \$270,000 from the state. "I don't know if I'll see it," Fields said.

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Test

Tuesday, April 29, 1997 - 12:20 p.m. - WH 210

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1997, July, 1997 or December 1997 who have not taken U.S. Gov't. or State and Local Gov't. in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before April 17 to sign up to take the test.

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11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
• Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Friday 31

7 p.m.—
Koinonia scavenger hunt with pizza following, College Heights Christian Church

Saturday 1

8 a.m.—
C-BASE Test, Taylor Hall, Room 113
6 p.m.—
Lady Lions vs. Emporia State, Parents Night, Young Gymnasium
8 p.m.—
Lions vs. Emporia State, Young Gymnasium

Sunday 2

11 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
• Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 3

5:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball vs. Northwest Mo., Young Gymnasium
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building
7:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lion basketball vs. Northwest Mo., Young Gymnasium
9 p.m.—
On-Campus Bible Study, Apt. H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 4

Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311
2:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 5

Sign-ups for sorority spring rush begin, BSC
Deadline for signing-up to play in the intramural ping-pong tournament
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
5:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball vs. Southwest Baptist, Young Gymnasium
7:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lion basketball vs. Southwest Baptist, Young Gymnasium

Attention

Do you have an announcement pertaining to a campus organization? If so, please contact Ginny at 625-9311.

UNITED WAY

Southern students 'unite' for charity

Criminal justice department attains 100-percent participation for event

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

Awards from the United Way were presented to various departments last week acknowledging their success in the 1996 campaign that concluded last fall.

"Some of the awards that carry the greatest prestige are the 100 percent participation awards," said Dr. Patricia Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program and 1996 chairperson of the area United Way campaign. "This means everyone in that department gave to the United Way."

The criminal justice department achieved 100 percent participation as it does every year, according to Kluthe. Members held an annual shrimp feed where students and faculty are

welcomed and the proceeds are donated to the United Way.

Other departments that accomplished 100 percent participation were the Campus Activities Board, dental hygiene, nursing, theatre, the Learning Center, computer science, alumni and foundation offices, public information, and the kinesiology and athletics areas.

The physical plant and security department achieved the largest increase in contributions.

"We're very proud of them. They had a 70 percent increase in giving and did an excellent job," Kluthe said.

Ken Moser, carpenter supervisor, was the captain of the physical plant and security department. Their increase was attained primarily through donations from the staff, asking for participation and setting a dollar goal, he said.

The department of psychology was cited for having the highest average donation per department, Kluthe said.

Grant Miller, president of Southern's Student Senate, is working on a program with the United Way to increase stu-

dents' involvement in the community.

"I am wanting to create an arrangement that will allow students to receive a documentation stating the amount of hours he or she has volunteered through the United Way," Miller explained.

Miller says it would benefit the United Way by increasing the amount of volunteers. Students would gain experience with volunteering, and it would also benefit the College's public relations with the community.

"This idea is still in the planning stages, and we need to have meetings between the United Way and the administration to get it further implemented," Miller said.

The overall campaign was successful due to the high level of participation from various departments and organizations.

"For example, the honors club volunteered as bell ringers for the Salvation Army, so not only did the groups pledge dollars, but they also followed through with a pledge of time," Kluthe said. □

STUDENT FEATURE



Spencer Beck (left), a senior communications major, received word Jan. 6 that his long-awaited kidney transplant was waiting for him. Beck said faith had much to do with the whole procedure.

Transplant brings new hope

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

After two years of waiting and several false alarms, Jan. 6 marked the beginning of a new way of life for senior communications major Spencer Beck.

At 6 p.m., while in Kansas City for the semester break, Beck received a call that his long-awaited kidney transplant would soon become a reality.

"It was a relief," he said. "I used to have to give myself dialysis four times a day. I used to have headaches and weakness for days at a time." Now, he says, he catches himself checking the clock to see how long he has until his next treatment before realizing he is not tied to a schedule any longer.

"It was my life for nine years," Beck said. "I didn't even really think about it." Dialysis can clean 50 liters of fluid in one treatment, where a kidney cleans 180 liters in that time. That difference, Beck says, caused some of

the physical drawbacks he experienced.

"I still get headaches," he said, "but now I get the Tylenol-gets-rid-of-it kind."

Beck says he hadn't really discussed his illness with many people on campus before the surgery, so he was shocked to see the outpouring of support he received from students and faculty during and after the transplant.

"Between 60 and 70 people came to see me in the hospital," he said, "and Dave Weaver (Koinonia campus minister) had over 20 messages a day on his e-mail asking how I was doing."

"People who didn't know how to open up the subject. It's like 'Hey, guess what?'"

Beck says his faith had much to do with his ability to get through the whole procedure.

"I knew I needed God's help to get through this," he said. "It eased my mind to know that people were praying for me and that God was on my side."

A different outlook on life is one thing Beck believes he has gained from the experience.

"I've always liked to have fun and make people happy," he says. "I just want to do that for the rest of my life."

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said she had numerous inquiries regarding Beck's condition.

"People were driving us crazy trying to find out if he was OK," she said.

Because of Beck's many involvements, Carlisle said his absence was obvious on campus.

"I didn't realize how much I counted on him until he wasn't around," she said.

"I was just waiting for him to walk in the door any minute." □

CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

Club recreates past to battle stereotypes

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

The clash of swords breaks the still dawn, as the members of Missouri Southern's medieval club engage in mock battle. Using padded swords, they recreate tournament battles of the Middle Ages in the most historically accurate way possible.

"We'll probably go to a local park, have a feast, and a little jousting," said Darren Mize, freshman music major.

Mize serves as the club's "king." He had been involved in a medieval club at Edmond (Okla.) North High School.

"When I came to MSSC, there was no medieval club," he said. "So I decided to start one."

The club has generated great interest among the students at Southern. There are currently 22 members.

The club would like to teach the history and culture of the Middle Ages. Members hope to work closely with the history department to ensure accuracy.

"We would like to break down some of the stereotypes and misconceptions about the Middle Ages," Mize said. "Learning about how it was is probably the most important aspect of the club."

The club's members create a persona and play that part within the group. Everything is researched to maintain a high level of accuracy.

"We try to get everyone in gear for our activities," he said. "Then we just try to live out the better side of medieval life as much as possible."

Angela Nichols, senior history major, serves as the group's "queen."

"I think [the club] has a lot of appeal because all of the customs of that time and the occupations are so far removed from anything we experience today," she said. "In spite of that, there's a lot of opportunity to explore this period."

On March 14, the club will stage a demonstration for junior high and high school students at a live history exhibit. Members will dress up in period costumes and recreate sword fights for the students.

"It's a way to extend interest to the high school and junior high students," Nichols said.

Members are also trying to generate student interest in a medieval history class.

Anyone who would like more information should contact Mize at 627-0427 or Nichols at 649-6587. □

THE MEDIEVAL CLUB:



■ When:

The club meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in Webster Hall Room 223 at 2:15 p.m.

■ What's the scoop?:

There will be a costume and weapons workshop for members who wish to participate in living history exhibits. They will be conducted throughout February. Sign up in Webster Hall Room 223.

Do the winter blues have you feeling under the weather?

Here's a free solution to your problems... Come visit the College physician, Dr. Henry Steine.

Kuhn Hall, room 306 625-9323 for appointment
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.



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Cuckoo's Nest sends audience on ride

By AILEEN GRONWOLD
STAFF WRITER

I've never liked roller coasters. I hate that green upside-down feeling that always follows the ride.

Still, the exhilaration lingers after the world stops turning, and it starts to look like fun.

Watching Missouri Southern's theatre production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was a lot

like a wild ride on the Screaming Eagle.

I'm still a little queasy, but it's starting to look like fun.

For such an ambitious script nothing but outstanding acting would do, and the cast came through incredibly.

From the rigid Miss Ratched, played by Autumn Ross, to the silent, drooling Ruckly, played by Kristopher Graves, the performances were superb.

Brandon Davidson played the swaggering hero, Randal P. McMurphy, flawlessly. The supporting "loons" stuttered, twitched, scratched, and hallucinated with amazing credibility.

The set also contributed to believability.

The nurse's booth, the waiting room furniture, and the decorative glass blocks created a sterile environment.

The crisp, starched uniforms of

the staff contrasted effectively with the rumpled and soiled hospital garb of the inmates.

The story has its moments of hilarity, but this is no light comedy.

Behind the laughter, the character of Ruckly stands in the background, arms outstretched like the crucified Christ.

The story is punctuated with the internal dialogues of the Native American character, Chief, to

reveal a frightening lucidity behind the mask of insanity.

The story raises disturbing questions about societal conformity, the loss of identity, and the definition of sanity.

In addition to the weighty themes, the sexual content and constant profanity make this a play for mature audiences.

While not for the young or the faint of heart, this play is quite a ride. □

JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

Physical comedy, slapstick fill stage

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Joplin Little Theatre (JLT) is presenting the comedy *Noises Off* Feb. 5-9. This farce introduces the audience to what goes on behind the scenes and during the run of a show. The production is the story of a British theatre touring company as it rehearses and performs the play *Nothing On*.

"This play is about a strange menagerie of actors who have gathered together to form a troupe to put on this production," said James Carter, director of the show and a 1992 Missouri Southern graduate, "and the antics, frustration, and wackiness that go on during rehearsal and the run of a production."

He decided to put this play on because he thought audience members should get to experience a part of theatre they never get to see.

"I thought it would be nice to let the audience see what goes on in a production," Carter said, "what makes a play work or fail."

The play consists of three acts. The first act is the night before the show opens. The actors are having a difficult time remembering some of their lines. The second act takes place a few weeks into the run of the show. The characters have developed relationships that cause tension as well as humorous situations. The third act takes place further down the run of the show. The actors can no longer hide this tension, and the hysterics begin to take over the show.

The show consists of slapstick and physical comedy.

Greg Green, who plays Roger Tramplemain, said he really enjoyed the show and thinks the

Upcoming PLAYS

'Noises Off'

TIME: 8 p.m.
DATE: Feb. 5-9
PLACE: Joplin Little Theatre
3008 W. 1 St.
MATINEE: Feb. 8-9, 2:30 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$8 general,
\$7 senior citizens
\$5 students

audience will, too. He said it is funny, fast-paced, and a real workout for the actors physically and mentally.

"The reason I like this show is because it is very close to what the actor could experience, even though this show is very far-fetched," Green said.

Carter has assembled an ensemble cast of JLT veterans and newcomers to the Little Theatre's stage. Cast members play two roles, their character in *Noises Off* and the role that the character portrays in *Nothing On*.

The cast includes Carolyn McGowan, Doty Otley/Mrs. Clackett; Greg Green, Roger Tramplemain/Garry Legeune; Becky Leach, Brooke Ashton/Vicki; James Black, Frederick Fellowes/Philip Brent; Lisa Olliges Green, Belinda Blair/Flavia Brent; James Goff, Selsdon Mowbray/Burgler; Kevin Babbitt, Lloyd Dallas/Director; Joey Roesel, Tim Allgood/Stage Manager; and Meg Berrian, Poppy Norton-Taylor/Asst. Stage Manager. □

CONCERT

Veteran country musician rolls into Joplin

Memorial Hall site for performance

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Local country music fans can "Blame It on Texas" when Beaumont native Mark Chesnutt brings his traditional-style concert performance to Joplin's Memorial Hall stage Saturday.

The show begins at 8 p.m.

Saturday's concert will be the fourth Joplin appearance by the singer who had his debut on the top 10 country charts with "Too Cold at Home" in 1990.

His current single, "It's a Little Too Late," hit No. 1 this week.

Other Chesnutt hits include: "It Sure is Monday," "Old Flames Have New Names," "Bubba Shot the Jukebox," "Blame It on Texas," and his 1993 cover of Don Gibson's classic, "Woman Sensuous Woman."

In 1992, Chesnutt won Country Music Association's Horizon Award for "Too Cold at Home."

His second CD, *Long Necks and Short Stories*, released in 1991, featured a duet with country music legend George Jones titled "Talking to Hank."

In 1993, the rodeo movie *Eight Seconds* included Chesnutt's song "Texas Is Bigger Than It Used to Be" in its soundtrack.

"He's got a real traditional sound," said Spyder Jackson, operations manager at Joplin's KIXQ radio.

"He's really popular and he always does really well on the charts."

Jackson, who has seen two Chesnutt performances, said, "He's real radio-friendly. He likes to meet people backstage and he likes doing encores."

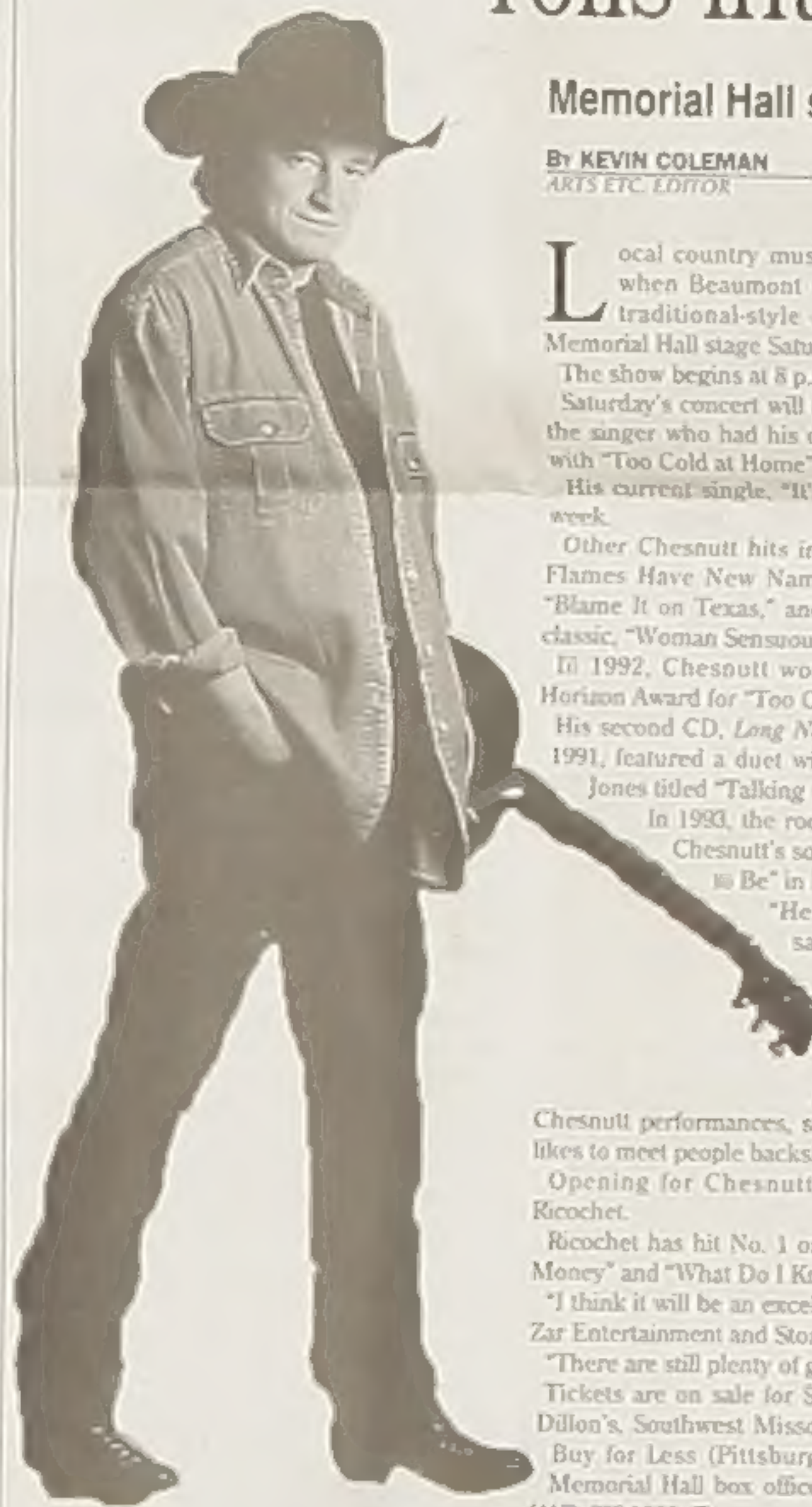
Opening for Chesnutt will be a new country band, Ricochet.

Ricochet has hit No. 1 on the charts twice with "Daddy's Money" and "What Do I Know."

"I think it will be an excellent show," said Al Zar, owner of Zar Entertainment and Stonebridge Productions.

"There are still plenty of good seats available."

Tickets are on sale for \$19.50 and may be purchased at Dillon's, Southwest Missouri Bank (in Joplin, Duenweg), Buy for Less (Pittsburg, Kan., Miami, Okla.) and the Memorial Hall box office, or may be ordered by calling (417) 623-1800. □



Coming Attractions

On Campus



Spiva

■ Through Jan. 31 —
"The Look of
Everyday Things"
exhibit on display in
Spiva Art Gallery.

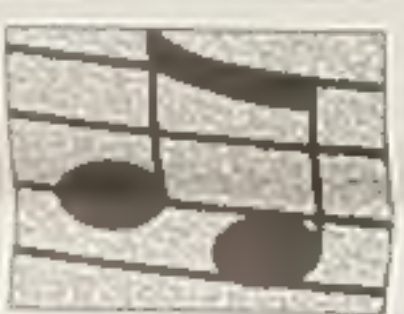
TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Jan. 29-Feb. 1—One Flew
Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Mar. 1-2—Aesop's Fables

MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM

Foreign Films
Feb. 11—Red Psalm
Feb. 25—Barravento

Joplin



■ Mark Chesnutt
performs at
Memorial Hall
Saturday.

CHAMPS

782-4944

Jan. 31—Raising Kane
Feb. 12—Bill Haley and the
Comets
Feb. 14-15—Raising Kane

THE BYPASS

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Jan. 31—Kingfriday
Feb. 7—Hadden Sayers Band
Feb. 8—Live Comedy
Monique-The Mistress of
Comedy
Feb. 12—Kenny Neal
Feb. 14—Don Shipp and the
Titanic Blues Band
Feb. 21—Walking on Einstein
Feb. 22—W.C. Clark
Feb. 28—Smokin' Joe Kubek
Mar. 1—Live Comedy Kenny
Cox

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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Jan. 17-Mar. 2—Photo Spiva
Mar. 14-Apr. 27—Spiva Annual

JAVA HOUSE

659-8500

Feb. 14—Don Chaffer

MEMORIAL HALL

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Feb. 1—Mark Chesnutt
Mar. 1—All For One

Kansas City

KEMPER ARENA

Jan. 31—Metallica

MEMORIAL HALL

Feb. 7—Marilyn Manson

Carthage

STONE'S THROW THEATRE

Feb. 7-9, 13-15—Dial "M" for
Murder

INTERCOLLEGIATE BAND

Lovland, Talley join elite group of musicians

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

When the conductor's baton rises before the 1997 Intercollegiate Band, two Missouri Southern students will perform with some of Missouri's finest musicians.

The Intercollegiate Band, organized by the Missouri College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), performs at the Missouri Music Educators Association Convention 8 p.m. Friday at Tan-Tar-A Lodge, Lake of the Ozarks.

Jerry Junkin, director of bands and professor of conducting at the University of Texas at Austin, is the guest conductor and clinician. Junkin also conducts the Dallas Wind Symphony.

"Some of the best players in the state will be there," said Pete Havelly, Southern's music depart-

ment head and director of bands and member of the CBDNA.

He said the purpose of the band is to highlight some of the best talent from colleges and universities in Missouri.

This year's performance includes more than 100 students from 21 colleges and universities playing four selections.

Attending from Southern are Elizabeth Lovland, senior music education major, and Keith Talley, sophomore music major. Both students concur this is a great honor and opportunity.

"I have watched these groups perform and I am excited to be a part of that," Lovland said.

Institutions submit students for selection by the CBDNA committee.

Havelly interviewed several potential students at Southern. Because of the time involved in preparing for the concert and the

class time missed during the days of the convention, the honor may not be for everyone. However, Lovland and Talley agree it is well worth their commitment.

"It is a good experience and a sacrifice on my time and class time, but it is time well spent performing with a group of this caliber," Talley said.

Lovland and Talley received notification and music for the concert before Christmas.

After tryouts for chair selection in the Intercollegiate Band, two days of grueling practice have begun.

Neither student worries about the chair selection. Being part of the elite group is the important thing.

Lovland began playing the flute in fifth grade, but never had private lessons until college. She is currently the drum major for the Lion Pride Marching Band and

student director of the Lion Pride Pep Band.

Talley, a band student since the fifth grade, plays the alto saxophone. Participating in district and state bands in high school prepared him for the Intercollegiate Band.

Right now, Lovland and Talley's focus is on giving the best performance they can.

"The band will accomplish in two days what takes weeks or months to do on some high school or college levels," Lovland said.

The band performs every third year, making it a rare event for the college student.

Student players range from freshmen to graduate students. They do not have to be music majors.

"The experience in such an ensemble is a great opportunity," Havelly said. □



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Elizabeth Lovland and Keith Talley will join the Intercollegiate band this weekend in Tan-Tar-A.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Police sting uncovers Joplin prostitution ring

A four-month undercover investigation by Joplin police has resulted in the arrest of the owner of a Joplin massage parlor.

Frankie H. Fenix, 62, of 2020 Hampshire Terrace, Joplin, has been charged by the Jasper County prosecutor with promoting prostitution. He is being held in the Joplin city jail on \$3,500 bond.

Police began the investigation in October after receiving complaints from two women who answered a help wanted newspaper ad for masseuse. Both were allegedly told by Fenix that customers would expect sexual acts to be performed while being massaged. One of the women believed sex acts were being committed in the room next in where she was being interviewed, according to Joplin Police Chief David Niebur.

With the assistance of the Missouri Highway Patrol, Joplin police rented rooms in a local motel Thursday, Jan. 23 and then phoned Fenix at the Aloha Indigo Massage Parlor, located in 1825 W. Seventh St. in Joplin. After Fenix collected \$200 from police, he motioned Shana R. Jones, 19, 205 Byers, Joplin, and Shemar L. Horine, 19, Rt. 6, Joplin, into separate motel rooms where it is alleged they offered to perform sex acts on the officers for money. Both were then arrested.

Joplin police then obtained a search warrant for the business and residence of Fenix. After seizing documents and interviewing Fenix, he was taken into custody. □

Alcohol use factors in fatal crash Monday

Alcohol may have been a factor in the automobile accident that claimed the life of Jon Spencer, a 16-year-old junior at Joplin High School, early Monday.

Police allege the driver, 20-year-old Damon Cansler of 420 Forest Ave., was intoxicated when his car struck a curve on Connecticut Avenue near 31st Street and flew into a house.

The crash caused structural damage to the house at 3102 Connecticut Ave. and left another passenger, 19-year-old Sonny Bouronich of Valley Springs, Calif., in critical condition in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at St. John's Regional Medical Center.

Cansler was treated for minor injuries at St. John's before being arrested on a municipal drunken-driving charge. □

Local company offers new Internet service

Talley Technologies, Inc., a local company, soon will provide Internet access to Joplin-area users.

The company will be utilizing state-of-the-art equipment that has proven its reliability under high loads of user activities by leading Internet companies across the nation, including Netcom Communications.

Several goals of the new Internet provider will be to reduce the congestion often experienced when an excess of users logs onto the system.

The company also would like to provide strong local technical support, and to integrate the Internet with existing Local Area Networks.

Prices will be comparable to other local providers, with special company prices and unrestricted access.

For more information, persons may contact Jason Talley at 626-8777. □

PRIDE OF JOPLIN

Gay support center opens arms, doors

BY LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

Because alternative lifestyles are not widely accepted in the Joplin area, a Missouri Southern student has developed a center to promote education and communication in homosexuality.

The Pride of Joplin Community Center serves as a social as well as an educational forum for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community in the area.

Cheryl Gray, founder and president of the board of directors for the Pride of Joplin, publishes a monthly newsletter that covers several goals of the alternative lifestyle organization.

"The Pride of Joplin Community Center is a multi-service agency which exists to promote human care, education, and social activities directed at furthering the well-being and development of the lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgendered community of the greater Joplin area and to increase public understanding and appreciation of our citizens," Gray said.

Gray, 33, a junior working toward a general studies degree at Southern, said openness to an individual's own sexual preferences will only help to alleviate some of the negative feelings surrounding the lifestyle.

"I was 25 years old when I accepted myself for who I was, and subsequently, I realized somebody has to become visible," she said. "I have to get the word out. The number of violent anti-gay incidents is very high across the country, but not here."

"People still fear gays and lesbians. One way to dispel the stereotype is coming out. There is a risk for violence, but it is more important for as many people who are willing to come out to do so."

Gray says keeping one's sexuality in the closet can actually cause more harm than exposing it.

"A particular young woman who called me to talk about her coming out told me her parents disowned

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Cheryl Gray
President, Pride of Joplin

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her. Her church came to her home to exorcise her and kick her out of the choir," Gray recalled.

"Our role models are straight. We want to provide activities and education to lesbians, gays, and straights. Kids drop out of school, the suicide rates have increased, and the substance abuse occurs because we still have a void."

Gray acknowledges that the group's first dues-paying member was a straight woman.

"We are trying to create an alliance of caring people," she said.

"Meetings are open to everyone."

According to Gray, members of the community center hold several religious affiliations.

"Members consider themselves Christians, agnostic, and atheist," she said. "The spirituality cross section compares to the U.S.'s."

Pride of Joplin meetings are held at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Partners Lounge, 722 Main in Joplin.

"Religion comes up," Gray said.

"We're concerned; we are in the Bible Belt. The Joplin Unity Church allowed us to rent their church to

host an event. There were concerns expressed that we'd be picketed. Our people worried about potential violence."

"We're everyone's brothers, sisters, fathers, daughters, sons, and mothers," she said. Stereotypes exist that every gay man is a hairdresser or an interior decorator, but that is really not true. We have counselors, teachers; just about every profession is represented."

She said several attempts have been made to start a group during the last 20 years, and membership is still low.

"It's still legal in the state of Missouri to fire a person for being gay," Gray said. "A number of anti-gay violent crimes have been committed nationwide."

She said although Joplin-area crimes have been non-violent, "words have been spray-painted on cars, people say words like faggot, queer, and d--- there is a lot of homophobia."

"Those hate words create a lot of pain," Gray said. □

CITY HALL

□ Every-day surprises are just part of the job for Joplin city manager Steve Lewis, but with more than 40,000 residents to deal with at any given moment, those surprises are what allow him to carry all of Joplin...

in his hands

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

With his hand on most of the workings of Joplin, City Manager Steven Lewis enjoys the variety of his job. "What I love about this job is every day is a different day in terms of problems and challenges you have to deal with," he said.

Lewis is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the city and its various departments, including police, fire, public works, waste and water treatment, and parks and recreation.

As an adviser to the City Council, he attends all Council meetings. Lewis works directly with the Council making sure "the things that they want to get accomplished get done."

A day for the city manager might begin by looking at a future road construction project to determine the route or problems that may arise with the construction. Lewis also deals with the public by fielding calls from citizens unhappy with the way a prior complaint was handled. Meetings and interviews are also commonplace.

With the many different areas he is responsible for, Lewis said his department provides "more services than a lot of Fortune 500 companies do."

Some things happening fall outside of the realm of "typical." A citizen once called and complained about not receiving hot water and asked for the hot water main to be fixed. Lewis had to explain there was not a hot water main and the lack of hot water must have been due to a bad water heater.

Another unusual phone call came from a Missouri Southern student wanting help with homework. The student wanted to know who the lieutenant governor of Missouri was. Lewis said he should have told the caller to look it up, but gave the student the answer.

Lewis came to Joplin through a history of governmental experiences and the International City/County Manager Association. The association coordinates city manager vacancies around the country. Lewis, his wife, and three children moved from the family's origin in Texas to a city manager position in Maine. Lewis stayed in Maine for seven years before taking the Joplin position in August 1994.

"I think what really impressed me about Joplin is there was a lot of cooperation in the community," he said.

He added that Joplin is a fast-growing community and the people are interested in their town being one to drive to, not through. He described Joplin residents as having a "unique attitude."

Lewis wishes to see Joplin grow. "Joplin is competing with a lot of other communities in the country for new jobs," he said.

In order to keep up with the competition, he believes three issues are most important to the goal: a good business climate, a good environmental track record, and being sensitive to quality-of-life issues.

For college students, Lewis suggested growth in volunteering.

"I think as a society we've not placed as much importance on volunteerism as we should," he said. "I think that students can bring a whole lot of volunteerism to the community."

Lewis advised, "Whoever you deal with, treat everyone with respect." □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Joplin City Manager Steven Lewis said he loves the variety his job offers and the every-day challenges he is constantly faced with.

CHARITY EVENT



AARON DESLATT/The Chart

Eat, drink, and be merry was the theme for many local residents at the Ronald McDonald "Fun Raiser" Saturday at the Newman Building. The Ronald McDonald House assists families in need as related to the hospitalization of loved ones.

'Fun Raiser' makes splash Saturday at downtown bash

By SCOTT HAAR
STAFF WRITER

A full moon gleamed over the Joplin skyline, only to be eclipsed by a beacon of hope downtown.

The Joplin Junior Service League held its annual "Fun Raiser" Saturday night to benefit the proposed Ronald McDonald House in Joplin.

"This is all for a wonderful cause," said Tammy Anderson, JJSL president.

Jackie Smith and Teresa Fears, who chaired the project, had special access to an ideal site for the event — the Newman Building. Fears is married to Greg Fears, who owns the newly renovated landmark.

Some participants in the gala came to see the building.

"I think Greg Fears should be commended for his vision and commitment in this outstanding renovation," said Dick Ruestman.

Club 1201 catered the event that featured casino gambling, karaoke, and a silent auction.

"There are quite a few people here for such a cold night," said Phillis Carroll, who attended the fund-raiser.

Across the nation, Ronald McDonald houses

help families in need as related to the hospitalization of loved ones. Now Joplin will be a part of this service network.

"This is a good idea that will benefit the parents of hospitalized children," said Manna Dannel.

"A Ronald McDonald House will be a credit to Joplin," said Sue Annesser.

The JJSL has organized one major "Fun Raiser" in the past.

This year's project raised more money than the last event by far.

Rough estimates from the JJSL suggest a total of more than \$30,000 was raised Saturday, and ticket revenues are still coming in.

"We are astonished and pleased by the spirit exhibited by the community," Smith said. "Never underestimate the people of Joplin."

Mike Jennings, the local Ronald McDonald House Charities president, was pleased with the results and impressed with the JJSL.

"It was a wonderful night," Jennings said. "The whole event was well planned and well thought out. I would deem it a huge success. We are really proud."

Jennings said there are more "fun-raising" events planned for the coming months, but this one will be hard to top. □

CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Governor presents challenge to students

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two years of education beyond high school will soon be the norm for every Missourian — if Gov. Mel Carnahan has his way.

"The governor thinks higher education should be more affordable and accessible in Missouri," said Chris Sifford, the governor's director of communications.

The first step to achieving that goal is his Challenge Scholarship initiative.

The proposal will offer a tax credit of up to \$1,500 a year to every Missouri student who wants to pursue at least two more years of education beyond high school at any higher education institution, according to the governor's office.

"A high school diploma is no longer enough to compete in today's job market,"

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Marianne Inman
President, Central Methodist College

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said Marianne Inman, president of Central Methodist College. "Challenge Scholarships will help ensure that the young people of Missouri are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow."

Inman is also president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri, which has endorsed the governor's proposal.

The program will be in effect in January

1998, being phased in over three years with a maximum credit of \$500 in 1998, \$1,000 in 1999, and \$1,500 in the year 2000, according to the governor's budget proposal for fiscal year 1998.

"I don't think there is any doubt it will be beneficial," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "Most particularly to Missouri Southern because \$1,500 is almost a full-ride."

In order to be eligible for the challenge scholarship program a student must:

- Have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- Be a state resident attending a Missouri post-secondary institution.
- Have completed fewer than 60 semester hours of post-secondary work.
- Be enrolled in a Coordinating Board for Higher Education-approved public or private post-secondary institution — either full- or part-time.
- Be making satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate, according to the governor's proposal.

State universities and colleges would not need any additional certification from the CBHE, Sifford said.

"This program will be a concrete method to provide \$1,500 in students," Sifford said. "That should cover most tuition costs." □

WILDLIFE

State buys land for new park

Conservation Department starts park alongside creek with purchase of property

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Nature and outdoor enthusiasts will probably be excited to learn a new state park is in the works for Newton County.

"It is still in the early stages," said John McPherson, fishing program coordinator for the Missouri Conservation Department. "We really don't have any concrete plans yet."

The Department of Conservation recently purchased 120 acres of land in Newton County from Mary Jane White.

It is east of Granby and not far from Highway 60. The land has approximately one-quarter of a mile of access to Capps Creek, a tributary of Shoal Creek, according to McPherson.

"Capps Creek is a unique watershed in that it can sustain trout," said Gary Smith, district forester for Newton, Jasper, McDonald, Barton, Barry, and Lawrence counties.

The cold water stream is unusual for this area and supports a variety of fish and vegetation that rely on the aquatic resource, McPherson said.

Because trout are a temperature-oriented fish, they stay in Capps Creek because Shoal Creek's temperature can get above 70 degrees in the summer, McPherson said.

Forestry officials plan to plant trees along the creek to help maintain the cool water temperature, Smith said.

Other renovations will be planned carefully as to not disturb the natural habitat for the area. Building-type structures will be kept to a minimum, according to McPherson.

The Conservation Department has been stocking Capps Creek with rainbow and brown trout for more than 30 years, with releases in spring, summer, and fall.

Area fishermen have previously had access to the creek at Jolly Mill, a privately owned foundation that is open to the public.

"Jolly Mill is doing a great job," McPherson said. "We have no interest in acquiring their property."

But, plans are in the works for the purchase of several additional tracts of land in the area, according to McPherson.

"Keep in mind, though," he said, "we only purchase land from willing sellers."

Future plans for the park are on hold until the Conservation Department knows what will be available. Temporary plans call for public-use construction such as a parking lot and toilet facilities, McPherson said. □

ON PINS AND NEEDLES

With needles in hand, Greg Boyle, President of the acupuncturist association of Missouri, stands over Connie Cahalin, capital employee. They participated in Acupuncture Day at the Capitol this week. The event will be repeated monthly during session.

TAMMY SPICER
The Chart



STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Highway Patrol radios may move to Springfield

The fate of a portion of the Carthage branch of the Missouri State Highway Patrol was discussed Wednesday at a meeting in Jefferson City.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) gathered local representatives and highway patrolmen with a member of the appropriations committee to discuss alternatives to the MSHP's plan to consolidate the communications support in Carthage with that located in the Troop D headquarters in Springfield.

"We want to look at improving the communications system in Carthage," Singleton said, "not eliminating it."

The group discussed several items, including better utilization of the criminal justice facilities at Missouri Southern and the possibility of providing the Carthage satellite office with its own mechanic. Patrolmen in the area now drive to Springfield to have minor work done on their cars. □

Adoptions get attention from bipartisan group

Adopting a child in Missouri may have less red tape wrapped around it if a measure supported by a bipartisan group has its way.

"It's time to change our laws to make it easier, not more difficult to adopt a child," said Sen. Roseann Benley (R-Springfield), who sponsored a bill with Sen. Betty Sims (R-Ladue). A similar bill was introduced on the House floor by Majority Floor Leader Gracia Backer (D-New Bloomfield) and Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-Harrisonville).

"Our bills reduce the adoption finalization time from the current nine months to six months," Sims said. "The bills also greatly reduce the bureaucratic red tape involved in obtaining a foreign birth certificate. In addition, we are taking steps to promote the consistency in adoption procedures across the state to strengthen the entire process."

The bills also provide for standardizing home study and post-placement evaluation information; requiring information about the child be provided to prospective adoptive parents before placement; allowing judges to appoint an attorney for birth parents; and allowing the exchange of information or contact between adoptive parents and birth parents, at the discretion of the adoptive parents.

"These laws have not been updated or revised significantly for several years," Hartzler said. "We need to strengthen our laws in order to make adoptions easier and make sure that everything possible is done to ensure that loving families can be linked permanently with children who need a home." □

Senate and House both reject raise in salary

Responding to overwhelming public sentiment, the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives both struck down a pay raise recommendation that was to go into effect Feb. 1.

The Senate approved a resolution by a 25-3 vote on Monday that did not accept the suggested increases by the Missouri Citizens Commission on Compensation.

"Legislatures should not delegate the responsibility of determining their pay raises to another group," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). "The creation of the commission was an attempt for legislators not to be in the spotlight when voting to increase their pay."

The bill was then passed in the House, who had passed its own resolution earlier. In a 129-15 vote, members also rejected the mandated salary increases for state legislatures and judges.

All southwest Missouri representatives and senators voted against the pay increase. □

BUDGET

Committee considers ideas from university officials

Appropriations committee hears budget proposals from state institutions

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The long budget battle began Tuesday when College President Julio Leon and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, presented the case for Missouri Southern to the appropriations committee for education and public safety.

"I would like to say from the outset that Missouri Southern State College supports the Coordinating Board's recommendation," Leon said in his opening remarks. "I would also like to express our concern with the core recommendation that was made by the governor."

Most of the colleges that presented to the committee indicated that if there was only one area where they could request more

money, it would be in core funding, said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction), a member of the appropriations committee.

"I don't think you will see individual appropriations being asked for by individual universities," Burton said.

Leon offered a three-part presentation to the committee: a description of Missouri Southern, the College's relationship to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's (CBHE) new blueprint for higher education, and efficiency and cost.

"Access to a quality undergraduate education is a reasonable cost," Leon said. "That is what Missouri Southern State College is all about."

Southern is a moderately selective, exclusively undergraduate institute. One attribute highlighted by Leon is the strong core program of a required 51 credit hours of general education.

"Not a single college or university has that high of requirement," he said.

In discussing Southern's international mission, Leon touched on the changing concept

of teaching foreign languages, the desire to send students abroad, and a plan to name each fall semester after a country and having every department discuss the importance of that country to the related discipline.

"Missouri Southern State College has the lowest appropriation for each student than any other state institute," Leon said in the third part of his presentation. He pointed out that the state average is \$7,006 while Southern falls at \$4,292.

After the presentation, Rep. Ted Farnen (D-Mexico) questioned the college's international mission, citing various reasons, including the fact that Southern did not graduate even one international student.

"I respect your opinion," Leon responded, "but I respectfully disagree with you."

Leon went on to explain the goal of the international mission is not to attract international students, but rather to expose Southern students to the world that surrounds them.

Burton also posed a question to Leon about the possible value of changing the school's

name to Missouri Southern State University.

"Our desire for a name change would relate directly to the perception and reception of the public," Leon answered.

Most people think colleges are not as credible as universities, both Burton and Leon agreed.

Burton may be introducing a bill in the next few weeks to bring about the name change, he said.

The appropriations committee heard from all of the two- and four-year institutions in the state this week.

Members also listened to the CBHE's recommendation and several issues not related to education.

The next step in the process is called the mark-up.

That is where the committee looks for extra money or may decide to shift funds from one source to another, according to Burton.

But for now, all that can be done by Missouri Southern is wait. The legislative process has begun. □

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Proposed bill stiffens student loan default penalties

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Anybody can default on a loan, they run into hard times and they have to choose to stop paying someone.

Rep. Craig Hosmer
D-Springfield

Plan would attack professionals who need license to work

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With Missouri student loan default rates ranging anywhere from around 3 percent to well over 60 percent, lawmakers have decided something has to be done.

"When you use funds to get a higher education and fail to pay back the debt, you are denying someone else the chance to use that money," Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield) said. "I feel that is unfair."

Hosmer is the sponsor of House Bill 40. The bill allows any

Missouri state licensing board to refuse to issue or renew. Boards could also suspend or revoke any certificate or license, but only when there is satisfactory proof that the person is in default on the repayment of any student loan guaranteed by the Department of Higher Education.

License boards will only be allowed to take action when the student has not made satisfactory arrangements to ensure voluntary repayment of the loan.

"We are trying to get anybody in the state who receives a state license," Hosmer said.

Doctors, nurses, lawyers, and cosmetologist are the kinds of occupations requiring licenses.

"It's not a bad idea," said James Gilbert, director of student financial assistance. "But I don't think it will affect Southern much."

The national default rate on student loans is 10.5 percent, Missouri falls at 10.35 percent. In 1994 Missouri Southern's number of defaulted loans was at 9.2 percent, Hosmer said.

"I don't think our default rate will ever fall below 7 percent," Gilbert said.

He estimates that slightly more than 2 percent of defaulted loans are due to death, another 2 percent are the result of incarceration, and 2.2 percent of loan defaulters have gone into the welfare system.

Currently, the only avenue to pursue any loan defaults is through the judicial process, Hosmer said.

It is a slow, costly process and some people may be denied their school loans because of a lack of funds while the system tries to collect money from loan defaulters.

"They don't need the money three years from now. They need it

now," Hosmer explained.

Gilbert believes the majority of student loan defaults are a result of economic situations rather than state-licensed people who aren't paying back loans.

Perhaps some of the defaulters never received a degree, or they get a lower-paying job than they expected after graduation. They may fall behind on payments and then get discouraged with the system, explained Gilbert.

"Anybody can default on a loan," Hosmer said. "They run into hard times and they have to choose to stop paying someone."

The bill includes provisions for working with people who may be having financial difficulties.

"We are trying to get the person who may be taunting the system," Hosmer said, "the ones saying, 'You can't get me.'"

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Nuts & Bolts

Addicted to Miatas

I subscribe to an e-mail list to which fellow Miata owners from all over the world contribute, and through it last fall I bought a wrecked yellow Miata — in North Carolina!

Not only was the car in North Carolina, it was so far east, it was on an island in the Atlantic.



Leslie Roberts
Automotive Editor

My willingness to travel 1,300 miles to pick up a mangled Miata must certainly be proof that I am afflicted with the Miata bug. As I wrote in the Miata list at the time, "Has

anyone developed a 12-step program for Miataholics?"

Nobody offered a solution in my addiction, so after loading up on Jolly Ranchers and chips to fuel us on the long trip, my husband, Justin, and I borrowed a truck and trailer and, with our friend and fellow traveler, Mark, set off one evening at 9 p.m. on another Miata adventure.

I called my parents to reassure them at 9 a.m. the next morning from a little Interstate-side Shoney's somewhere in Tennessee. We wouldn't make it to Manteo, N.C. until 10 p.m. that evening, stopping only for gas. It seemed really late at night as we traveled the last 100 miles on a two-lane road, threading our way through small towns with small-town cops hungry to bring out-of-state money into the village coffers. We escaped their towns without incident and met Ray Stoutenburg, the man with the Miata, in Manteo. I was never so happy to see a Ford Contour in my life, especially as it led us to Ray's home, where a warm shower and a bed awaited. Ahh, bed. It's amazing how much a 26-hour "non-stop" road trip can make one appreciate a bed!

I was anxious to see the Miata in the morning, and got up long before the boys. When they finally awakened, loading the yellow Miata took only 30 minutes. We were ready to go home, but Ray insisted on buying us dinner. In all, it was 3 p.m. before we left for home. The trip across the bridge to the mainland foreshadowed the entire trip: People fishing from boats on the sound turned and stared. "Ouch!" The thought was obvious on their faces. It's amazing, actually, to look at the car and realize that no one was hurt. Ray said his glasses weren't even broken in the rollover, which in all the more incredible because the airbag deployed.

Gas station attendants asked "What was that?" or said, "Yeah, I did that to a car one time..." The stories that followed were often amusing.

We saw only one other Miata in daylight hours during the trip home. I didn't see the driver, but Justin and Mark said his head whipped around as though he was trying to give himself whiplash.

At the Denny's where we stopped for our second sit-down breakfast, a man got out of his pickup and had to look at the car for five minutes before coming in from the cold.

The attention we attracted was much like having a working Miata in the early years, when people pulled you over just to say, "What a cute car!"

We determined that if a yellow Miata attracts attention, then a mangled yellow Miata attracts even more! ☐

AUTOMOTIVE PERSONALITY

Author builds career 'doing what I enjoy'

By LESLIE ROBERTS
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

With words that can move readers to laugh or cry, author Denise McCluggage has addressed everything from automobiles to Zen.

"She's not a unidirectional person," says her editor, Matt DeLorenzo of *Autoweek* magazine.

In addition to being a senior contributing editor for *Autoweek*, McCluggage also has written for many different magazines, including *Skiing*, *Town and Country*, *Nuggett*, and a multitude of car magazines, including "some that no longer exist," she said.

The editors of those magazines must agree with McCluggage when she says "I've always had a knack for turning a phrase."

I was at Sebring with Stirling Moss, and Fangio, and Phil Hill, you know, all the top drivers.

Denise McCluggage
Freelance writer

McCluggage got her start in newspaper journalism at a young age, printing her own newspaper for the Topeka, Kan., neighborhood in which she grew up. She did everything from editorial to delivery.

"Now, of course, it would be easy, with computers and all the new technology," she said. "But at that time, it involved mimeographs and cutting and pasting."

Continuing to learn about journalism throughout her high school years by participating in journalism classes and working for the school newspaper, she nonetheless majored in philosophy, economics, and politics during her years at Mills College

near San Francisco because the college did not offer a journalism major as such.

After graduating from Mills at the age of 20, McCluggage went home to Topeka for the summer to take a typing class.

"I wasn't sure anyone wanted to hire a philosopher who couldn't type," she said.

A short career with the *San Francisco Chronicle* followed. McCluggage served as an associate editor for the paper's Sunday magazine. During her three years at the *Chronicle*, McCluggage bought her first sports car, a 1948 MG-TC that she named "McGee." She described the purchase in the car in a February, 1987 *Autoweek* column, which was later reprinted in her book, *By Brooks Too Broad for Leaping*.

"Stark covetousness swelled. I wanted that car! I don't remember the price. Beyond a certain amount there is no differentiation. (One, two, three — infinity.) It was a dollar sign followed by impossible."

"Will you accept that I was personally responsible for a British currency crisis? I must have been. The very next day, the very next, the pound was devalued and the price of the car dropped precipitously. That new number, if I remember correctly, was \$1,850. My folks back in Kansas, a comparative pushover after I'd done in the pound, agreed to lend me the money. I gave it to Kjell Quale and I owned that MG-TC."

Restlessness took her from California to New York City, where she wanted to work for the *Herald-Tribune*. There were no openings at first, but persistence paid off in the form of a job in the women's department. After writing about topics such as fashion and home furnishings, she wrote an article about skiing, a sport she had taken up in California, and showed it to the *Herald's*

sports editor.

"He liked it, ran it, and then had this idea that maybe I should move down to the sports department," McCluggage said.

She did just that, working as the ski editor and motor sports editor until she left the paper in 1959, a victim of prejudice.

"We had a new sports editor, and, actually, I was fired for being a woman," McCluggage said. "He thought a woman's place was not in the sports department, and so forth and so on. He wanted me to move back to the woman's features department, but I said, 'No, I'd rather take my severance pay.'"

"I had taken a leave of absence the summer before so I could follow the races around Europe, and I was trying to figure out how I could do it again and finance it, so I financed it with my severance pay," she said.

She characterizes her life since the *Herald-Tribune* as "retirement."

"When I left that summer, I never looked back," McCluggage said. "That was the last steady, paying job I did. Since then, I've been freelancing, jumping from place to place, you know, going where there were things to do, and doing what I enjoy, and getting by."

She spent her first summer as a freelancer following the races around Europe. After it, she received an assignment to travel around the world, necessitating the sale of her newspaper, *Competition Press*.

"While I was working for the *Herald-Tribune*, I started with *Competition Press*, which was just beginning at that time in Detroit," McCluggage said. "I got in on the opening cast, as it were."

"Some months later, they owed the printer some money and wanted out of it, so I paid their printing bill and took over the paper and brought it to New York."

"It was a moonlighting kind of thing, but after it ate my Alfa Romeo. (She had to sell the car to pay the newspaper's bills.) I sold it to *Road & Track*. It sold around and later became *Autoweek*, so there I am now, right back where I started."

And she started by doing what she wrote about, from the initial article about skiing to eventually covering races that way.

"That was my specialty," she said. "I had originally started [at the *Herald-Tribune*] covering the races from trackside, but I began to race, and it was nice to have a moving seat from which to cover the races."

She became skilled at racing, winning against talented male drivers in equal cars. The high point of her racing career was perhaps her Sebring GT class win in 1961. Allan Eager, a jazz musician, co-drove the race with her in a Ferrari 250 GT Berlinetta, a car she judges her favorite of all the marques she's owned.

"We were 10th overall, but first in our category," she said. "It was amazing, how easy it was to do things then. I was on my third or fourth race, and I was at Sebring with Stirling Moss, and Fangio, and Phil Hill, you know, all the top drivers. There just weren't that many people doing it."

She continued to race between other activities, until a Neon Challenge race. "I remember the day she retired from racing," DeLorenzo said. "She had come up to drive in the Dodge Neon Challenge for *Autoweek*, and she was doing well, minding it up, and I believe she qualified fairly well. But she didn't do as well during the race, and she crashed. After that, she decided to retire from racing."

BY BROOKS TOO BROAD FOR LEAPING

Selections from *Autoweek*



Denise McCluggage

"I did a celebrity race in a Neon before the Grand Prix in Detroit, and I wasn't happy with how I was going, and I got it up against the wall — I whacked the wall hard and I thought, 'Oh, Christ, this is silly.' So I wrote a column about it. I said I was like the proverbial 'bear on roller skates' — it's not that he does it well, it's that he does it at all that gets the attention," McCluggage said, laughing.

"When you've been world class, it's hard to come down," she went on thoughtfully.

"I told her that even though she's not competing anymore, the greater loss would have been if she hadn't written anymore," DeLorenzo said.

"And that's her enduring quality. Through her writing, she is ever-present, even though she isn't editing a magazine, even though she isn't racing anymore."

"I can't imagine the auto writing landscape without her," he said.

Neither, apparently, can McCluggage.

In addition to the column she writes for *Autoweek*, she has a syndicated newspaper column called "Drive, She Said," and she is also starting an automotive magazine on the Web, located at www.roadrunning.com. ☐

I can't imagine the auto-writing landscape without her.

Matt DeLorenzo
Editor-In Chief
Autoweek

PROJECT CAR

Accident isn't end for Miata

By LESLIE ROBERTS
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

When I created the proposal for this page, I listed among the possible features "Project car. Cost for the project, as always, would be mine."

A project car did not immediately suggest itself, however. It wasn't until October that a car was located. It was a 1992 Miata special edition, which means that it has a leather interior, wood shift knob and parking brake handle, and BBS



Project Car.

Want to know what happened to the Miata? Catch Part 2 of this story in the Feb. 13 issue of *The Chart*.

wheels, among other amenities. With non-stock white stripes on the paint that appeared like dry-wall burns and dents at regular intervals that might have been caused by 2X4 studs, the car



MARK HUMPHREY/Special to The Chart
The right side door of the project car, a 1992 Mazda Miata special edition, was scored with lines that looked like "drywall burn."

appeared to have been taken through the back wall of a garage, although the insurance agent had been told a different story.

A preliminary estimate of costs to fix the car turned out favorably, and so my emotions wavered for about a week on the "I hope we get the money/But I don't want to be in more debt" fence. We did get the loan, and without much more deliberation, the car was ours.

I like to work on Miatas for several reasons. For one, I had already helped with the rebuilding process of two 1991s. Miatas also are easy to work on. Their classic layout of front-engine, rear-wheel-drive leaves room enough to work in the engine bay and front suspension areas comfortably. Only a few of the bolts are hard to reach. Other thoughtful design touches

abound. When a friend and I first replaced a Miata top, we had difficulty reaching one of the bolts that holds the cloth top to the body. On this 1992, we found — duh! — a nice hole in the metal framework that allows one to reach that bolt without much ado.

On the day we took delivery, rain was pouring down as we struggled with a tire that was torn off the rim.

With the application of much compressed air, though, the tire seated on its bead and promptly commenced to rubbing the rear of the wheel well because of a badly bent lower control arm.

The little Miata made a heroic effort, but it could do with the front tire rubbing was to dig its powered rear wheel into the gravel lot. It eventually had to be lifted onto the trailer with a forklift. ☐

CAR SHOW

Event roars into Joplin

By LESLIE ROBERTS
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

Once again, Bob and Beverly Cooke are bringing their "Street Dreams Rod and Custom Car Show" to Joplin Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the John Q. Hammons Trade and Convention Center.

According to Beverly Cooke, this will be the eighth year for the show, which the Cookes started promoting after spending several years on the International Show Car Association circuit with an antique of their own.

With a mailing list made up of people they had met on the circuit and also by distributing flyers at other regional car shows, they have developed a show that attracts "dif-

ferent cars every year," she said.

"There are a few that come back every year, but many are different," she said.

The entry fee to the show is \$25, with possible lucrative gains being plaques and trophies.

"Our judges are professionals," Beverly Cooke said. "A lot of the shows just use local people, but our judges have worked on the ISCA circuit."

The number of trophies and plaques available varies between years, depending on how many owners enter their cars.

"This year, we have 65 cars and however many motorcycles as decide to show up," she said.

"We get all kinds: Customs, street rods, 4X4s, and some restored cars." ☐

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gorillas spank Southern 78-61

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Road woes continued for the Lions Wednesday night as they fell to border-rival Pittsburg State (9-2 MIAA, 15-4 overall) 78-61.

Missouri Southern (4-5, 7-10), which entered the game sixth in the conference, shot only 36 percent from the floor as it dropped its third consecutive game.

"Anytime you shoot only 36 percent it makes it difficult to win, especially on the road," head coach Robert Corn said. "We didn't start the game the way we wanted to. Pitt reacted and really set the tone of the game from there. From then on it was an uphill battle for us."

Freshman forward Carlos Newberry led Southern with 21 points, followed by sophomore center Matt Olson with 14, and sophomore guard Mario Phillips with 12. The Gorillas' physical play also through a hitch in the Lions' zone plan. Southern had foul trouble throughout the game. Two Lions finished with four fouls, and one, junior guard Aaron Brooks, fouled out with less than five minutes to play.

"They were definitely more physical than we are used to," Olson said. "We have to step it up and get



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physical with teams like that. By the time we started doing that tonight, it was too late. We had dug ourselves into a hole."

Youth may have been a problem for Southern as the Lions went up against an older, more experienced Pittsburg team.

"Our guys are going up against upperclassmen almost every time they go out," Corn said.

Corn said the upcoming home stand will be good for his team coming off a three-game road trip.

"We need to get on a roll," Corn said. "I knew January would be tough because of the road games. It's taken a lot out of the team." □

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Sophomore center Matt Olson fights through four Pittsburg State defenders en route to the hoop during Wednesday's 78-61 road loss.

BASEBALL

Lions open vs. Cowboys

By RYAN BRONSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

February is not a month people typically associate with baseball.

When Missouri Southern opens its baseball season Monday against Oklahoma State University, it will represent more than two decades since Warren Turner took over as the Lions' head coach.

"I've been here 21 years and done this (opened against an NCAA Division I opponent) every year," Turner said.

Turner said he is excited about his team this year, mostly because of the personality.

"We've got a young, young team," he said. "We're going to have a lot of fun this year."

Turner said he expects the Cowboys to have their adrenaline flowing Monday.

"Sometimes we get blown out and sometimes we do all right," he said.

"Being that they have a new coach and they want to make a good impression, they'll come out fired up."

OSU's new coach is Tom Holliday. Holliday replaced longtime Cowboys' coach Gary Ward.

"With his first game, he wants to set an example," Turner said. "Things will be a hoppin' and a poppin'." □

Sports SCOPE

Well, I guess that's just the breaks

The greatest fear of any athlete is an injury. It takes you out of the game, out of practice, and away from what you love to do.

It is a hard thing to deal with, as I am currently finding out.

I broke my fibula, the smaller of the lower leg bones, on Nov. 9 playing in a football game. I underwent surgery so they could place three pins in my leg. Not exactly being a fan of surgery, this was not fun to say the least.

It has now almost been three months since my surgery, yet there are still days that I cannot walk without a limp, much less run and jump.

This is the definition of frustration. Admittedly I hate to run, but it has been so long since I could that I have actually begun to miss it.

I don't think you ever really realize what all is involved in the breaking of a bone until it happens. Most people think "OK, you're hurt, so just sit around and heal," or "Hey, you're lucky, you get a break." Wrong.

There is no sitting around until you heal. There is no break. I began to rehabilitate my leg the day after surgery. Daily I can be found in the training room doing an assortment of odd-looking, painful rehabilitation techniques.

I think the hardest part of rehabilitation is the frustration factor. You have to work daily to keep from losing the love you have for the game.

Trying to jog and finding it too painful can certainly do a lot to make you forget that love.

It is also very easy to become discouraged. I have really been surprised at the time it has taken me to heal.

Pain often times forces you to lower expectations for recovery time. It stops you from seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, which can make everything look dark.

While I'm talking about it, I have to say thanks to the Missouri Southern training staff, Marty Conklin, Steve Sawchak and their staff of student trainers do an outstanding job and have made my rehabilitation a much more enjoyable experience.

I also want to thank my teammates and coaches. They have really been there for me, encouraging, lifting me up, and helping me see the light at the end of the tunnel.

One of my coaches, Dan Scheible, even sat with my parents through the surgery, and I don't know if he'll ever know how much I appreciated that.

It's good to know that you have friends. It's good to know that there is a training room full of trainers ready to help.

It will really be good to know, though, that I can walk, run, and jump pain-free again. That day will come, just not soon enough. □



Jason Owen
Sports Editor

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Southern junior forward Shelly Oliver soars over Gorilla sophomore guard Megan Reid Wednesday.

Southern junior forward Shelly Oliver soars over Gorilla sophomore guard Megan Reid Wednesday.

Lady Lions' MIAA record falls to 3-6

Gorillas stay undefeated at 7-0 with 64-57 victory

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

PITTSBURG, Kan. — Hopes of breaking Pittsburg State's home winning streak dwindled in the closing seconds of Wednesday night's action as Missouri Southern (3-6 MIAA, 8-8 overall) fell 64-57.

The Gorillas (7-4, 14-5) are 7-0 this season at home.

Southern came back from a nine-point halftime deficit and opened with a 9-2 run in the first four minutes of the half, climbing within one basket.

Lady Lion head coach Carrie Kaifes said she was pleased with the way her team turned things around after its first-half performance.

"In the first half we didn't hit the shots

we needed to hit," Kaifes said. "The second half shooting was nice; we were slow in the first half."

Senior center Marie Scott hit led the Lady Lions in their comeback efforts by hitting 11 of her 19 points in the second half. Behind Scott were junior forward Shelly Oliver with 12 points and senior guard Nicole Heinz with 11.

Kaifes said she has been happy with Oliver's offensive play.

"Oliver will be a great player in the MIAA," Kaifes said. "She really stepped up and hit some big shots for us. Defensively, she is not used to moving her feet and playing against a bunch of girls that are 5-9 and 5-10. She will continue to improve, though."

Part of Southern's game plan was to stop senior guard Jenni Miller. The Lady Lions held Miller to just six points, and for the first time since her freshman season, Miller failed to hit a three-point shot.

Oliver said her team failed to keep up

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the intensity when it came within reach of the lead. "We stepped it up a bit, but when we came close we would exhale and relax," Oliver said. □

INDOOR SEASON

Track squads break records during Arkansas Invitational

JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

What a difference a week made for the Missouri Southern track teams.

After a tough meet two weeks ago at the University of Arkansas, the Lions went back to Fayetteville and fared much better last weekend in breaking the men's and women's school

records in the weight throw.

Lee Heinrikson set a school record in the weight throw with a distance of 43 feet, 1 3/4 inches. Michelle Heimerman also broke a school record, throwing the women's lighter weight 43-8 1/2.

The 55-meter saw James Thrash (6.53) and Jason Zurba (6.63) perform well.

Another improvement for the Lions was Ben Brainard, who was

third in the pole vault.

Rutledge said the men's team is progressing each week, and more importantly, no serious injuries have resulted in setbacks.

"We improved greatly," Rutledge said, "mainly because the weather allowed us to get outside. It helped us receive more strength and power, and our distance runners looked better. But because of our tough workouts

during the week, our legs tired out."

The Lady Lions also continued to improve at the Arkansas meet. Coach Patty Vavra said the vigorous workouts affected her team's performance.

"We ran as I expected," she said. "The week's workout took a toll on us. We were kind of dead-legged."

Vavra said competing against

NCAA Division I schools is important to a team's performance later in the season.

"Anytime you compete against Division I schools, you raise your level of competition," she said. "If you keep your confidence up, down the road, when conference comes, it makes a difference."

Both teams continue their season at the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan., Friday. □

Southern Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

MIAA Standings	MIAA Stats
Through Jan. 27 (Conf. Overall)	Scoring
1. Washburn 8-1, 13-6	1. Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 24.4
2. Pittsburg State 6-2, 14-4	2. Turner, Orville, Sr., CMSU - 24.0
3. Central Missouri 7-4, 16-4	3. Rivers, Antonio, Jr., CMSU - 19.6
4. Missouri Western 5-4, 11-6	4. Keeler, Eric, Sr., MWSC - 19.4
5. Emporia State 5-4, 10-7	Rebounding
6. Missouri Southern 4-4, 7-9	1. Pinder, Ian, Jr., SBU - 8.93
7. Northwest Missouri 4-6, 7-10	2. Harkess, Scott, Sr., ESU - 8.55
8. Truman State 3-6, 7-10	3. Buie, Dan, Jr., WU - 8.5
9. Missouri-Rolla 3-7, 11-7	3-point Percentage
10. Southwest Baptist 2-7, 7-8	1. Massey, Micheal, Sr., ESU - 47.4
11. Lincoln University 2-7, 4-13	2. Ray, Greg, Sr., MSSC - 43.9
	3. Canfield, Jordan, Sr., WU - 43.8

Women's Basketball

MIAA Standings	MIAA Stats
Through Jan. 27 (Conf. Overall)	Scoring
1. Missouri Western 7-2, 13-4	1. Kausaite, Aneta, Jr., ESU - 22.1
2. Central Missouri 6-3, 13-5	2. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC - 18.6
3. Emporia State 6-3, 13-4	3. Olberding, Nikki, Jr., WU - 17.4
4. Washburn 6-3, 13-4	4. Miller, Jenni, Sr., PSU - 17.3
5. Southwest Baptist 6-3, 12-5	Rebounding
6. Pittsburg State 6-4, 13-5	1. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC - 10.9
7. Northwest Missouri 4-5, 6-9	2. Kausaite, Aneta, Jr., ESU - 8.7
8. Missouri Southern 3-5, 8-7	3. Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC - 8.6
9. Missouri-Rolla 3-6, 7-10	3-point Percentage
10. Truman State 1-7, 6-11	1. Jackson, Stephanie, Fr., MWSC - 41.4
11. Lincoln University 0-9, 4-12	2. Hays, Nicol, Jr., TSU - 39.3
	3. Thurman, Stephanie, Sr., SBU - 38.6

The numbers and facts every Lion fan should know.

This Week

Saturday —	■ Lady Lions vs. Emporia State, 6 p.m., Young Gymnasium
Monday —	■ Lions vs. Emporia State, 8 p.m., Young Gymnasium
Monday —	■ Lady Lions vs. Northwest Missouri, 5:30 p.m., Young Gymnasium
Monday —	■ Lions vs. Northwest Missouri, 7:30 p.m., Young Gymnasium
Wednesday —	■ Lady Lions vs. Southwest Baptist, 5:30 p.m., Young Gymnasium
Wednesday —	■ Lions vs. Southwest Baptist, 7:30 p.m., Young Gymnasium

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RICK ROGERS/The Chart
Senior center Mandy Shaw wrestles for a rebound against Washburn earlier this season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior battles injuries, tentativeness

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After three surgeries in three years, senior center Mandy Shaw knows the meaning of rehabilitation. "I had surgery on my knee last in January of 1996," she said, "and I wasn't released until last August. It can really get frustrating, especially since this is No. 3. My body is just wearing down." Head coach Carrie Kaifes said Shaw was working to get back to full throttle. "You can't help but worry about it," she said. "I mean, her knee is not back to 100 percent, so she's going to be a little more tentative, but she is working through that." Shaw said after the surgeries she can't help but be a little tentative. "I have to think about falling a lot more now," she said. "If I fall forward, then that's not too bad. The problems come

when somebody comes in and cuts my legs from under me." Kaifes described Shaw as a "team leader, period." Shaw said she appreciated that distinction and tries her best to be a leader. "I had a real bad experience as a freshman in high school," Shaw said. "The seniors were the type that yelled and screamed and really made you feel bad. I promised myself right then and there that that was not the type of leader I was going to be. "I think people like that do more harm than good. I've always tried to be a positive leader on and off the court. I think a good leader is one who leads by example. One who picks the team up simply by being there. Not screaming and yelling." Shaw, an elementary education major, hopes to take that leadership with her into the classroom. "I can't wait to teach," she said. "I have

been asked if I might want to try to join the new women's professional league, and a few years ago I would have jumped at the chance. "I have gotten to the point now that I am really excited about going into teaching, and I don't think I would sacrifice that, even for a chance to play professionally." Since Shaw has decided not to pursue a professional career, she is now faced with her last season as a basketball player. She said even though she would be leaving her basketball career behind, it would not be without good memories. "This year's team is one of the best teams I have ever played on. If we can get it the right time, then there will be no stopping us. It's going to be exciting, and I glad I'm here for it." While Shaw has high hopes for this year's team, she has also set some personal goals.

"My No. 1 goal is to make it through the season without having to have another surgery. Other than that, though, I just want to try to push everyone to do their best, including myself. "I believe in this team, and I believe in me. I just want to do whatever it takes to make this team the best it can be." Another goal of Shaw's is to change some of what she calls the "misconceptions" about athletes. "People often think that athletes have it easy," she said. "Well, I've got news for them, it's hard. I play basketball, go to school, work, and coach a basketball team. People think that athletes are one-dimensional, that we play sports and that's it. "There is so much more to it than that. I'm not complaining because I'd do this all over again if I had the chance. I just want people to give us a little more respect." □

FOOTBALL

Dynamic Duo

Jordan, Thrash aim high following top-notch Snow Bowl performances

Richard Jordan earned defensive MVP honors in the Snow Bowl on Jan. 11.

By TRAVIS CAGLE
STAFF WRITER

Goals are important for athletes to accomplish, and two Missouri Southern football players have taken one big step toward reaching theirs. On Jan. 11, Richard Jordan, senior secondary education major, and James Thrash, senior criminal justice major, were selected to play in the Fourth Annual Shriners Snow Bowl in Fargo, N.D. The Snow Bowl is an all-star game for any college or university player not in NCAA Division I. For some, it is their last chance to impress scouts before the draft, and for others it is their last time ever to play football. "There were 11 scouts from every pro team possible," Jordan said. "I mean, there were scouts from the NFL, CFL, and the World Football League. They were everywhere. "It has been a goal of mine since my sophomore year in college to go to the pros so I can provide for my boy, Jamin Cole." Jordan and Thrash did not just go to Fargo, N.D., to play a game but to show off their talents. Jordan had five solo tackles and brought home the defensive MVP award voted by the scouts. Thrash had five receptions for 89 yards and a 15-yard touchdown catch. "The offense that we ran gave me a chance to make some plays, and fortunately I came through," Thrash said.

“The touchdown catch was the greatest feeling I have had as an athlete.”

James Thrash
Lions' wide receiver

"The touchdown catch was the greatest feeling I have had as an athlete." Making plays on the field is something the two did throughout their careers at Southern. They were both selected to the first-team all-MIAA, and Jordan racked in MIAA defensive MVP two years in a row, was selected to the first-team all-Midwest Region, and was on six different all-American teams. They not only came to Southern together and went to the Snow Bowl together, but they signed with the same sports agent, Jim Fender. "Since we have been together this long and are second cousins, we figured [we] would sign with the same agent to represent us," Jordan said. "We figured we did all right so far together, we might as well continue on together." □



RICK ROGERS/The Chart
Missouri Southern's James Thrash caught five passes, including a 15-yard touchdown, at the Snow Bowl in Fargo, N.D. The game was played Jan. 11.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

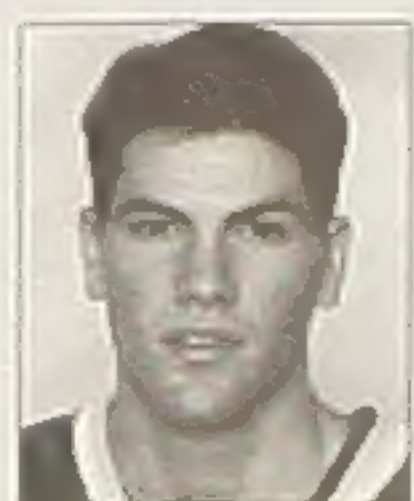
Forward enjoying success as Southern's 6-man

By TRAVIS CAGLE
STAFF WRITER

In the game of basketball, it is not about who starts the game but who is in when the outcome is on the line. Missouri Southern forward Greg Ray, senior business major, has experienced both worlds. After being pulled out of the starting line-up, he exploded for 40 points in the next two games. He had 21 points against Washburn University in a Jan. 18 loss and 11 points in a Jan. 22 loss to the University of Missouri-Rolla. "I think by coming off the bench," Ray said, "it allows me to get a good feel of how the game is being called and how quick the tempo is by watching the first couple of minutes before I go in." Ray, an all-state basketball player from Mount Vernon, said he has had the kind of career that has suited him. He said his focus is not on personal statistics but rather the team's win-loss record. "At this point in my career, I want to do whatever it's going to take for us to be successful," Ray said, "whether that means scoring 20 points or just passing into the paint. "I'm not happy or satisfied unless we win the game."

His unselfish attitude and leadership on the court has carried over to the rest of his teammates. He thinks this team, which features a balanced scoring attack and several role players, is goal oriented toward winning. Head basketball coach Robert Corn said Ray gives experience to a young Lion squad. "His leadership skills are one of the biggest things he adds to the team," Corn said. "He is also one of the better outside shooters for us. Anytime you sign somebody, you hope he develops into a player that can be a team leader." Despite the Lions' 7-10 record this season, Ray has seen some positive signs. "This team has proven that we can go out and play some really good basketball and that we can play with any team in the league," he said. "We've been able to go on the road and win in some tough places, which I think makes us a dangerous team to play." Ray's goals for the season included helping the team to a top three or four finish in the MIAA and making a strong post-season run. He said no matter what happens, he has enjoyed his career at Southern regardless. "I've had a great four years, and the friendships I've been able to make through basketball will be something I'll remember forever," Ray said. □

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Greg Ray
Lions' forward



RICK ROGERS/The Chart
Senior forward Greg Ray scores a basket against Washburn earlier this year. Ray is a business major.